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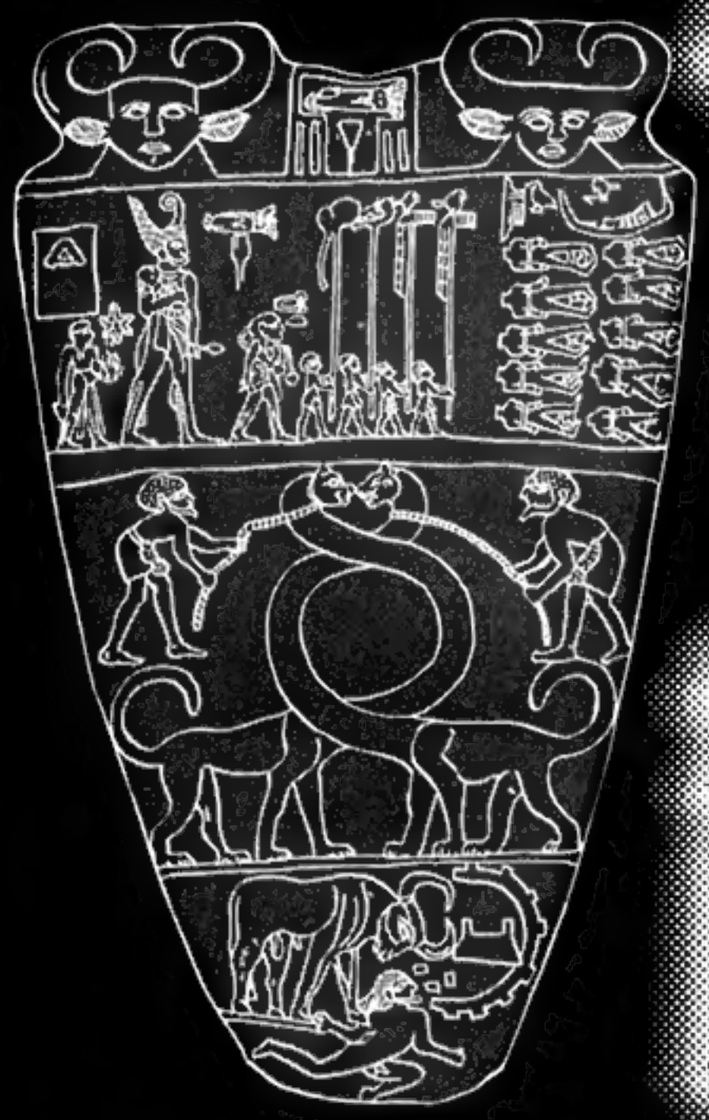

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Europe.
August,
1940.

Germany, who had begun its invasion of Europe last year, intensified their aerial bombing of England across the Strait of Dover.

This bombing, however, was nothing more than a precursor for the English mainland occupation by landing an invasion force from the sea.

Operation Seelöwe, "Sea Lion"...

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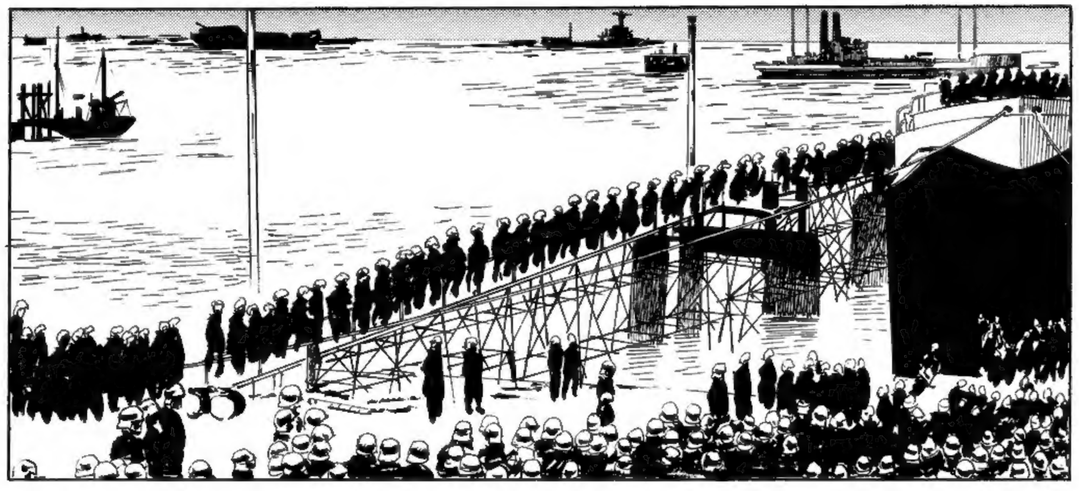


England

Strait of Dover

Holland

Belgium

Germany

France

THE DESTROYER SHIPS WILL SUPPORT FROM INSIDE THAT RING. DON'T LET OUR ENEMIES SEE THE LANDING SHIPS!

IRONCLADS SALLY FORTH! THIS IS THE DESTROYER LĒOPARD, THE TORPEDO SHIPS WILL FORM AN OUTER BARRIER AND REINFORCE PATROLS!

OUR AIR SUPPORT FROM THE LUFTWAFFE WILL CONTINUE THEIR NIGHT RAIDS CONFUSING THEIR DEFENSE NETWORK AND OUR IRONCLADS ARE EXPECTED TO BOMBARD THE DOVER SHORES EARLY IN THE MORNING.

BUT KAPITÄN BERTHOLD, I'D HEARD THAT BERLIN PLANS TO INVADE RUSSIA AS WELL... SHOULD WE FAIL...

WE SHALL NOT! SO LONG AS WE HAVE THE HEER, KRIEGSMARINE AND LUFTWAFFE TOGETHER, WE SHALL NEVER FAIL!

THEN AT DAWN OUR LANDING SHIPS WILL INVADE THE SHORES OF ENGLAND EN MASSE... A PERFECT PLAN!

WE CANNOT HELP THE FACT THAT A FORMER CORPORAL IN THE ARMY FAVORS THE HEER...

HOWEVER, WE GERMANS ARE TRYING TO FIGHT THE WHOLE WORLD. WE MUST FOCUS OUR MILITARY MIGHT ON AN ALL OR NOTHING BATTLE, OTHERWISE WE WILL BE DEFEATED.

IN ANY CASE, GERMANY DOES NOT HAVE THE LUXURY TO PULL RUSSIA OR AMERICA INTO THE WAR RIGHT NOW.

OF COURSE, IF WE WERE TO ATTACK RUSSIA WHOM WE SHARE A BORDER WITH, THE HEER WOULD TAKE FRONT IN CENTER ON THE LAND SUPPORTED BY THE LUFTWAFFE IN THE AIR. THERE WOULD BE NO USE FOR THE KRIEGSMARINE WHICH MEANS WE'D BE SPLITTING OUR TROOPS.

ONCE ENGLAND HAS BEEN CONQUERED, THAT WILL SOLIDIFY GERMANY'S SPHERE OF INFLUENCE. THEN OUR DEFENSES THAT GIVE US AUTHORITY OVER THE STILL NEUTRAL AMERICA AND RUSSIA WILL BE COMPLETE!

OPERATION SEELÖWE IS THAT VERY BATTLE FOR US!

THE FUTURE OF THE THIRD REICH DEPENDS ON OUR INVASION TOMORROW MORNING!

THUMP THUMP

AYE, SIR! WE GOT IT DONE SOMEHOW! WE'RE ALL GOOD HERE!

HUH!?

IS THE JAM IN THE SWITCHBOARD FIXED? THE MOTOR WORKS NOW, RIGHT? I'M TIRED OF STALLING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN!

WHAT AN END TO THIS TWO WEEK TRAINING VOYAGE WHERE WE WERE SUPPOSED TO RETURN TO PORTSMOUTH. WELL, WITH ENGLAND AT WAR, YOU CAN'T GET ENOUGH TRAINING USUALLY, SO THIS WAS PROBABLY A GOOD LESSON.

YES...

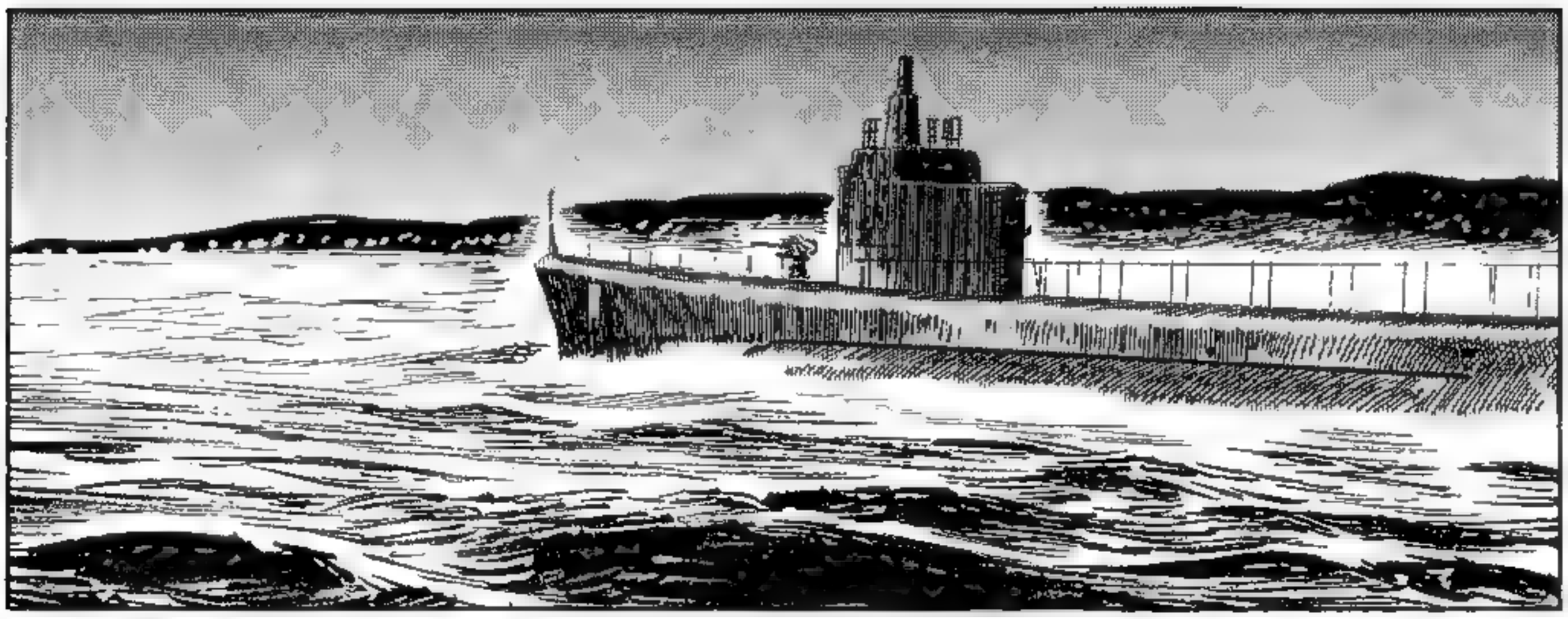
OKAY...

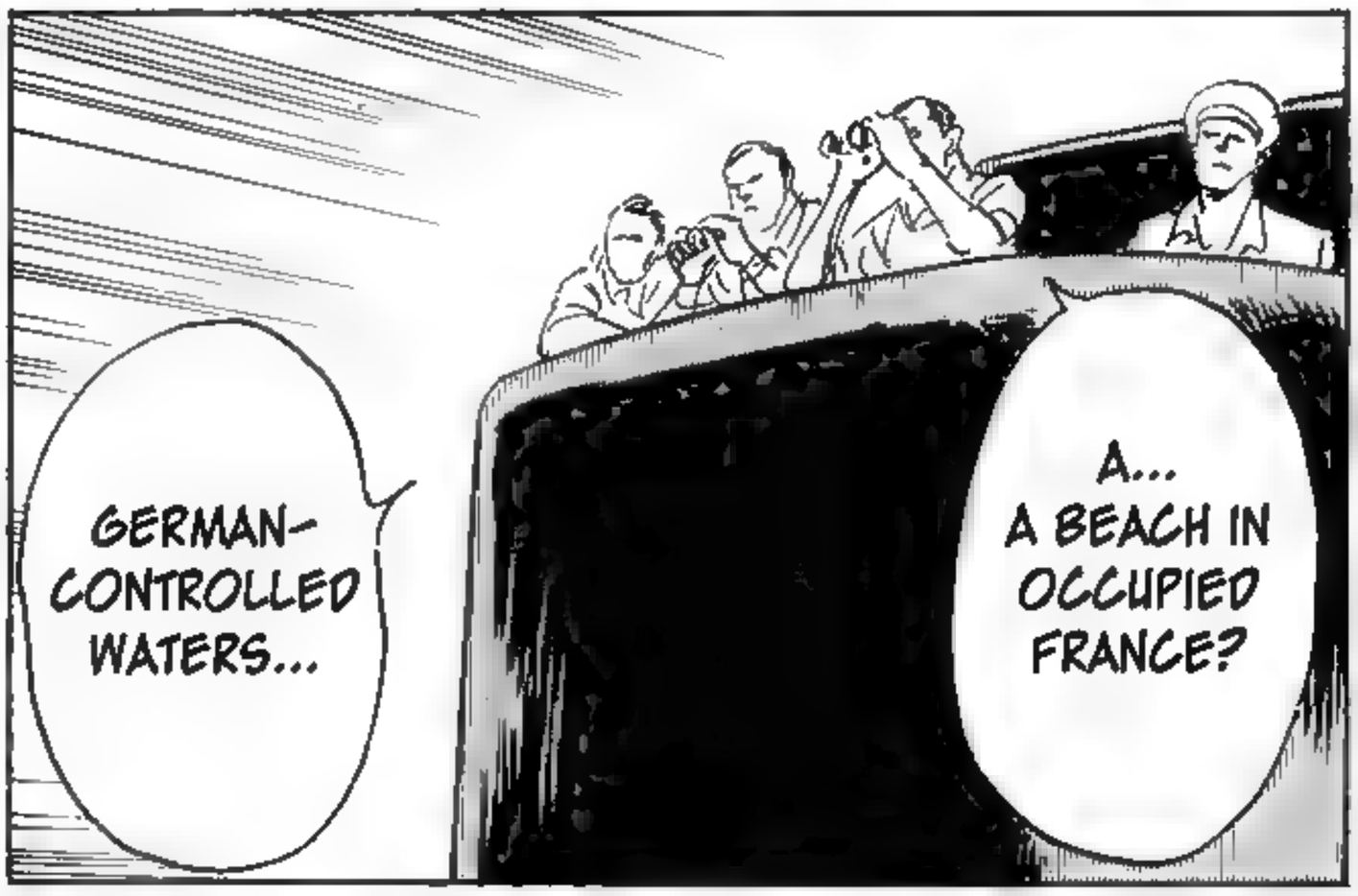
MAN. YOU'D PROBABLY GET SOME SEVERE PUNISHMENT TALKING LIKE THAT IN THE BRITISH NAVY. STILL, THEY'RE LOOKING AFTER YOU CADETS, SO PAY SOME ATTENTION TO THEM.

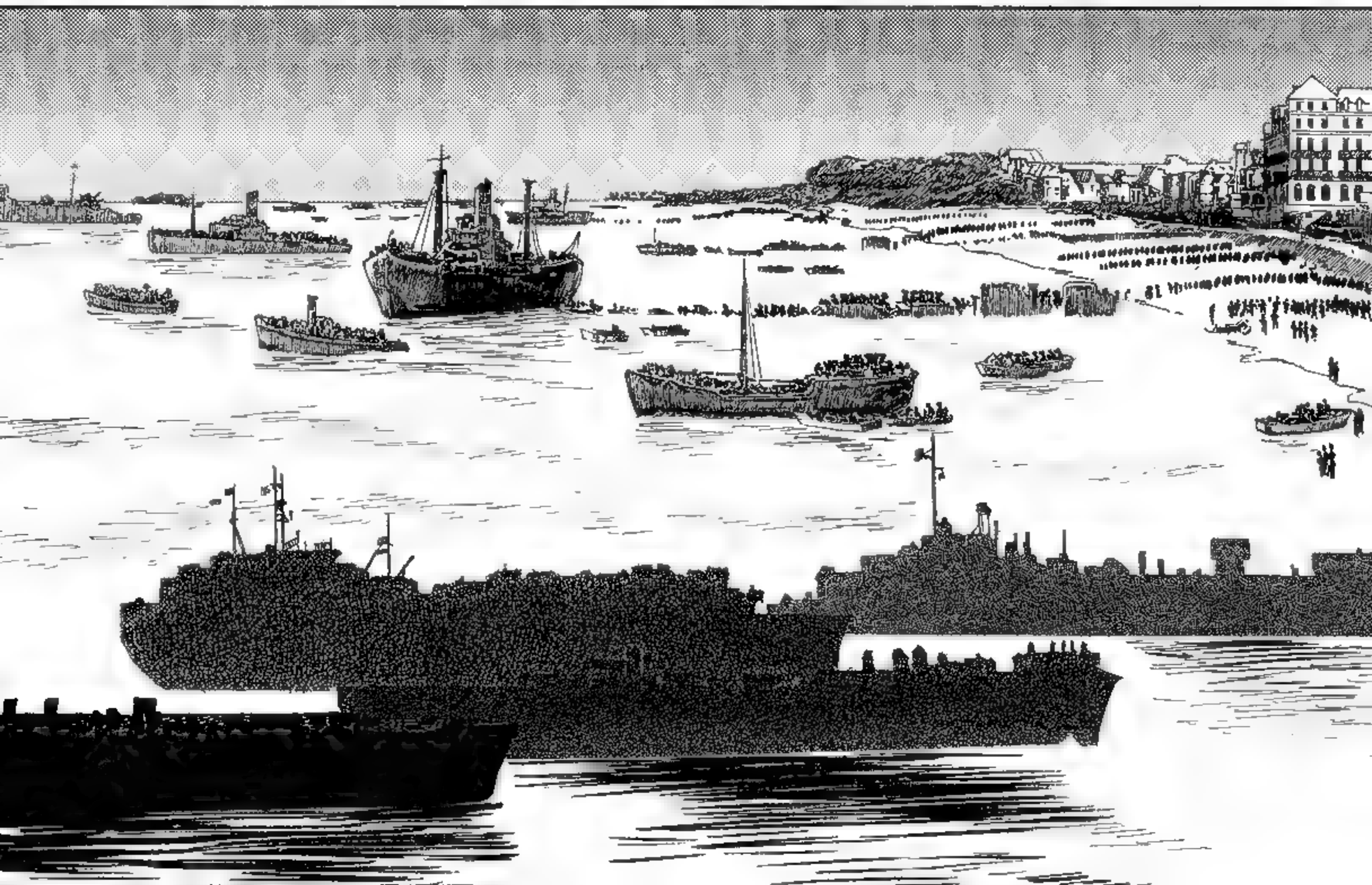
WHAT DID YOU SAY?

UM, SIR... WE'VE ALREADY DONE THE CALCULATIONS. THE CURRENTS HERE ARE REALLY STRONG, SO ACCORDING TO OUR CALCULATIONS WE'RE IN A DANGEROUS ZONE...

OKAY THEN, WHERE ARE WE NOW...




GERMAN-CONTROLLED WATERS...
A... A BEACH IN OCCUPIED FRANCE?



AN INVA-SION FORCE!?

THIS IS NO JOKE, THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM. THEY'RE GOING TO INVADE ENGLAND!

QUICKLY! WE HAVE TO INFORM LONDON...

A GERMAN DESTROY-ER...!

FIRE!

HOLD THAT TRANSMISSION! TELL THE GERMAN ARMY THAT WE'RE THE AMERICAN SUBMARINE SEA LION!

AMERICA ISN'T A PART OF THIS WAR YET!!

TELL THEM... N-NO, DIVE! DIVE NOW!!

THERE DOESN'T APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ANY TRANS-MISSIONS FROM THAT SUBMARINE ACCORDING TO OUR OPERATING ROOM,

KAPITÄN...

PREPARE TO DROP DEPTH CHARGES!

WE MUST SINK THEM BEFORE TOMORROW, NO MATTER WHAT!

IT'S NIGHT, SO I CAN'T BE SURE, BUT COULD THAT SUBMARINE HAVE BEEN AMERICAN—

NATIONALITY DOESN'T MATTER! WE CAN'T LET THEM TELL THE ENGLISH!

DEPTH 50!

I'LL GO WAKE THE CAPTAIN! THIS IS AN EMER-GENCY!

I HOPE THINGS DON'T GET WORSE WHEN WE WAKE THE SLEEPING LION...

TRULY, A SEA LION...!!!

CAPTAIN CADOGAN! WAKE UP, PLEASE!

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WHOA!

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CAP—

AH!!!

ENEMIES!

KEEP IT SIMPLE!

OKAY THEN. MOVE TO DEPTH 65 AND CUT THE ENGINES!

WHAT? DEPTH CHARGES?

C-CAPTAIN, A DESTROYER... A GERMAN FLEET... WE'RE NOT AT WAR YET...

DESTROYER SPECHT WILL MOVE TOWARDS THE DOVER! MOLTKE, MOVE FORWARDS! DON'T LET THEM ESCAPE!

THE STRAIT OF DOVER IS NARROW AND SHALLOW. AT BEST, A SUBMARINE CAN GO 9 KNOTS UNDERWATER, AND WE CAN GO 38 KNOTS. THEY'RE LIKE A TURTLE IN A PUDDLE...!

MOVE WITH THE CURRENT IN THIS FORMATION!

THE PRO-PELLER SOUND HAS DISAP-PEARED!

KA-KA-KA-

THERE THEY ARE!

PREPARE TUBES #1 AND #2 IN THE BOW!

WE'VE SPOTTED THEIR PERISCOPE! TAKE CARE!

...!

FIRE!!

SINK TO DEPTH 45! THEY LOOK ON TARGET! THESE ARE MARK 14 MAGNETIC TRIGGER TORPEDOES!

MY INTUITION FROM TWENTY YEARS OF RIDING SUBMARINES SINCE THE FIRST WORLD WAR CAN'T BE WRONG!

STARBOARD SIDE! ENGINES TO FULL SPEED!!

THEY APPEAR TO HAVE MISSED...

PHEW

SO WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE SEA LION IF OUR TOR-PEDOES ARE USELESS...?

...BAHAHAH. I'D HEARD RUMORS THE MK14S WERE TRASH, BUT I GUESS THEY WERE TRUE.

THE DESTROYERS ARE GATHER-ING RIGHT ABOVE US.

C... CAP-TAIN!

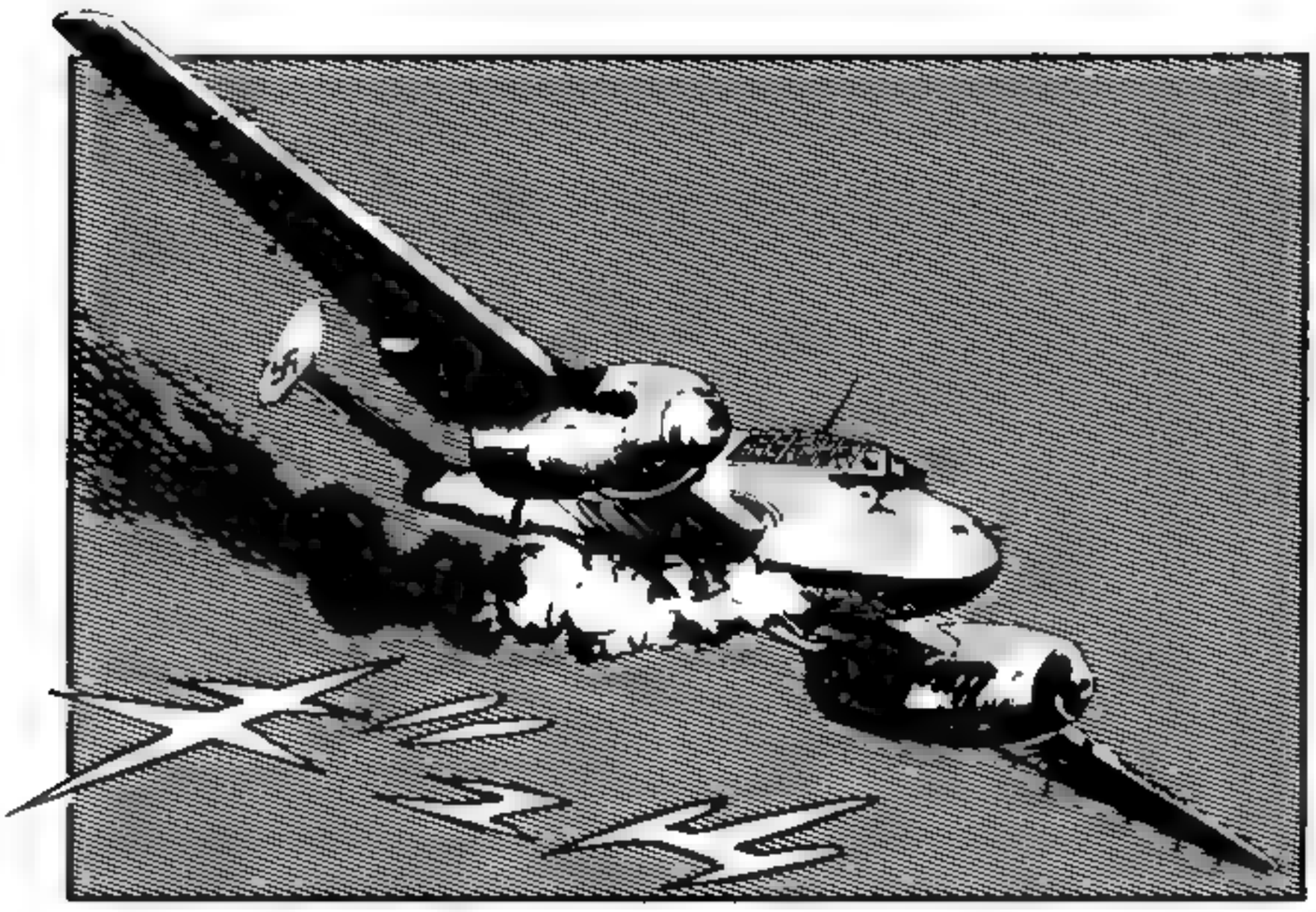
RAAAHH!

DAMN! DAMNED DEFECTIVE TORPEDOES! CAN'T YOU EVEN GO IN A STRAIGHT LINE!?

HMM?

WE CAN'T DROP OUR GUARD. THIS TIME THEY WILL SINK FOR SURE...

DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEY CAN DO ANYTHING! CONTINUE WITH THE DEPTH CHARGES!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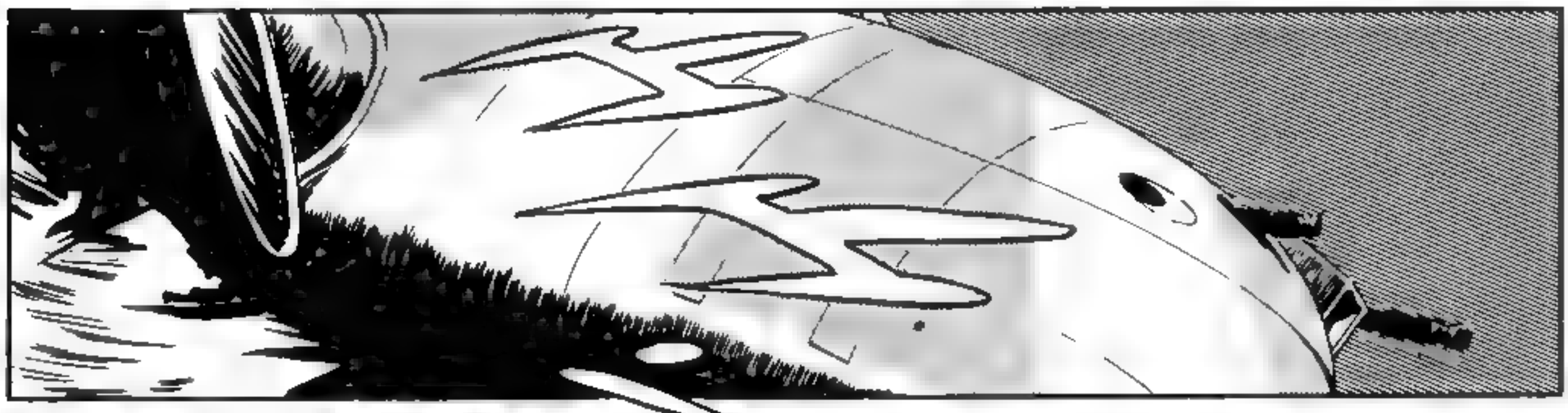
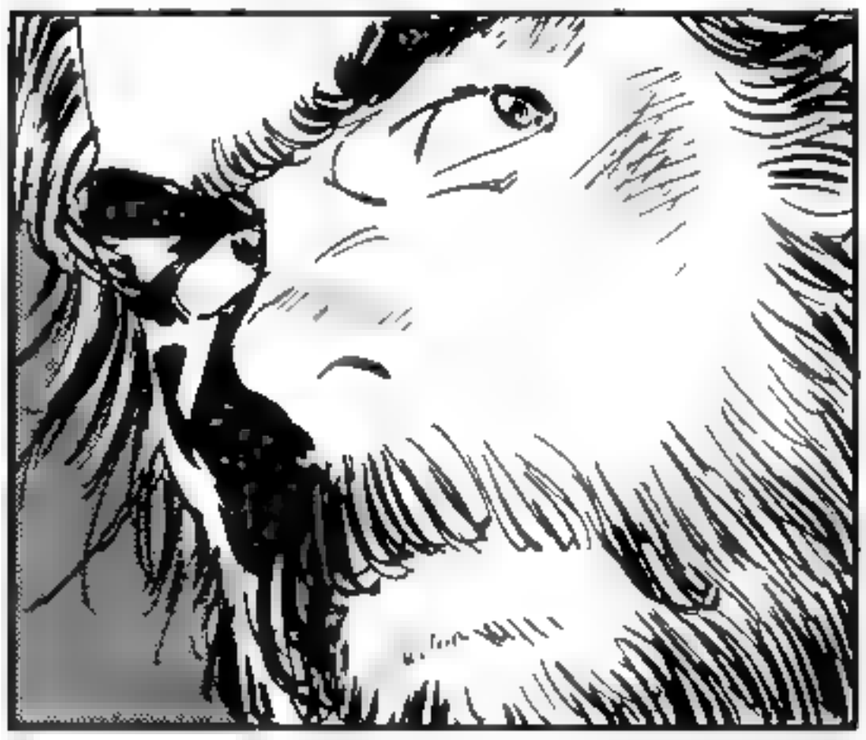


...THERE WAS SOME KIND OF IMPACT ON THE SURFACE... ONE OF THE DESTROYERS APPEARS TO BE HEADED THAT WAY...

WHAM!!



IT'S A FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT THAT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SHOT DOWN IN ENGLISH AIR. WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE THE PILOT...

FOOL! TELL THE SPECHT TO GO BACK TO HER POSITION!

CAN YOU GET THE EXACT LOCATION?

NO GOOD. THERE DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE ANY SURVIVORS...

NOTHING! I CAN'T TELL WHERE THEY ARE.

THE SOUND OF THE PROPELLER WAS DROWNED OUT BECAUSE THE SPECHT DIDN'T FOLLOW ORDERS! ANYTHING ON THE HYDRO-PHONE!?

NOTHING!? DID THEY DIG DOWN INTO THE BED, OR MAYBE...

TELL THE SPECH TO GET AWAY FROM THERE AT FULL SPEED! DO IT!!

TO THE SURFACE ...!

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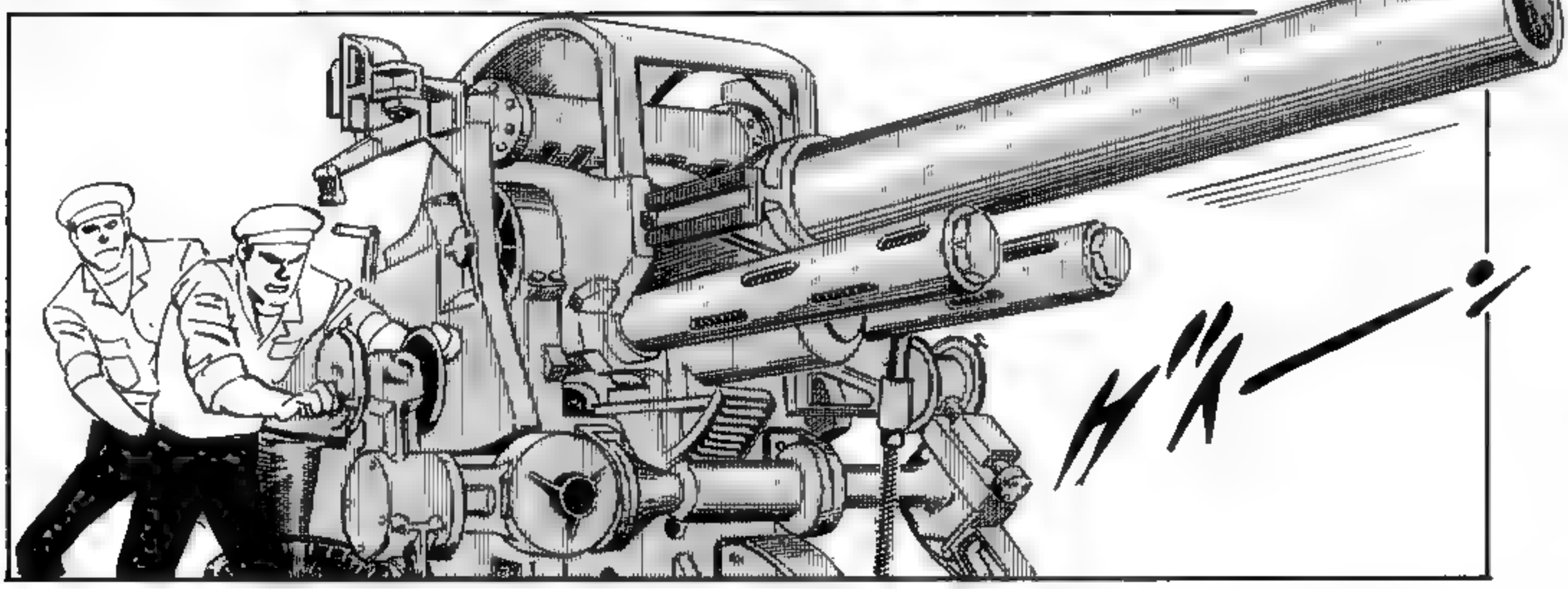

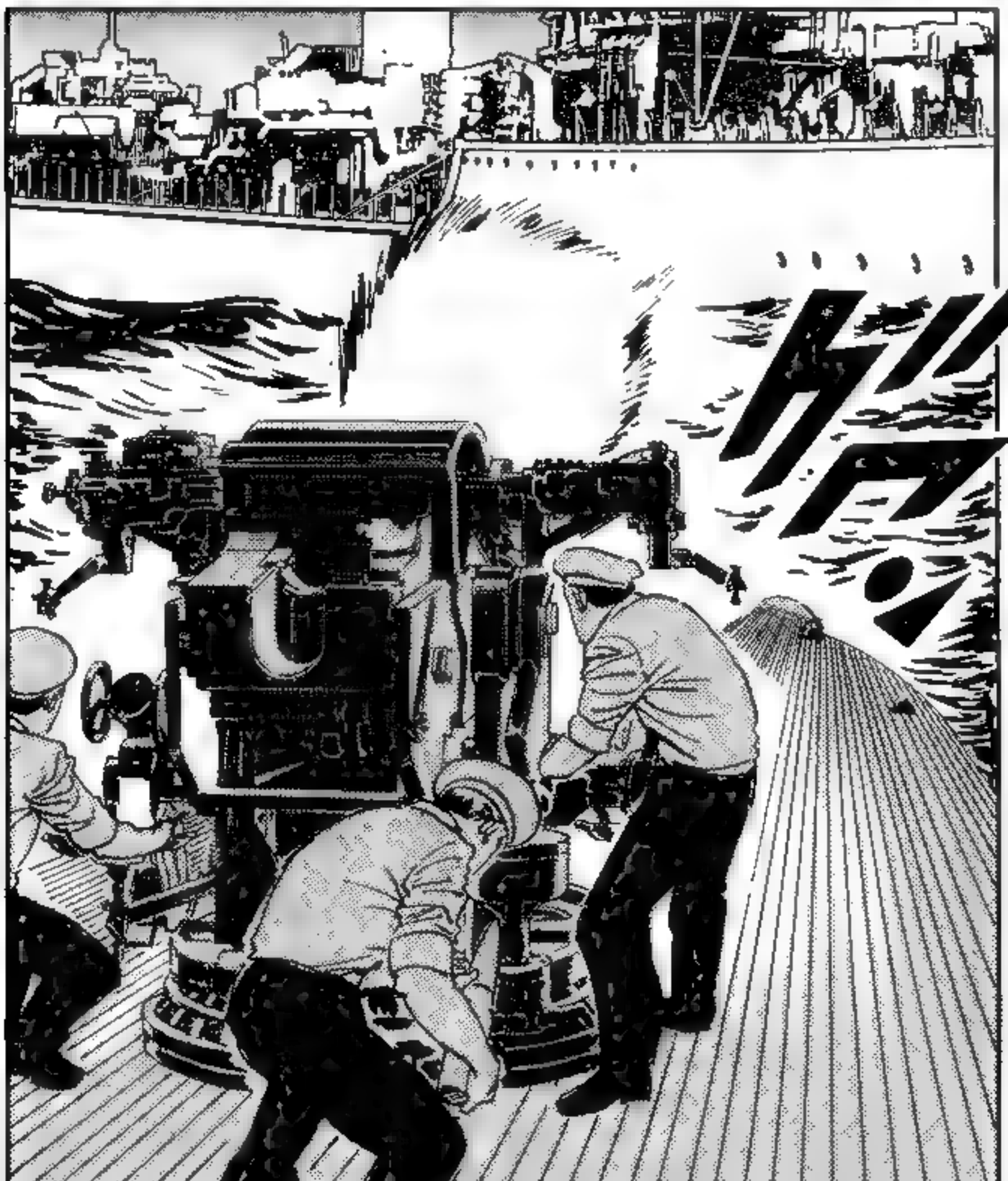
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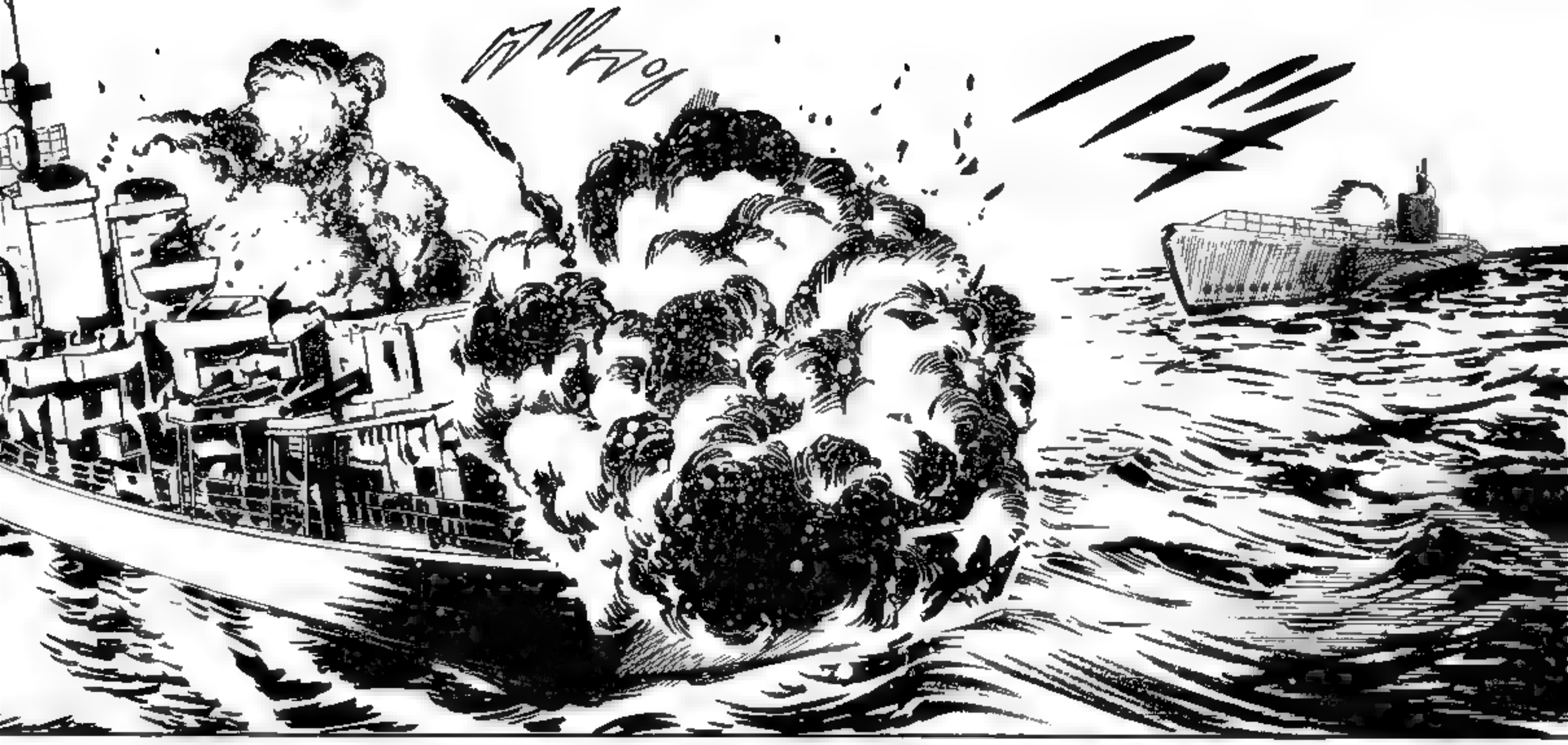
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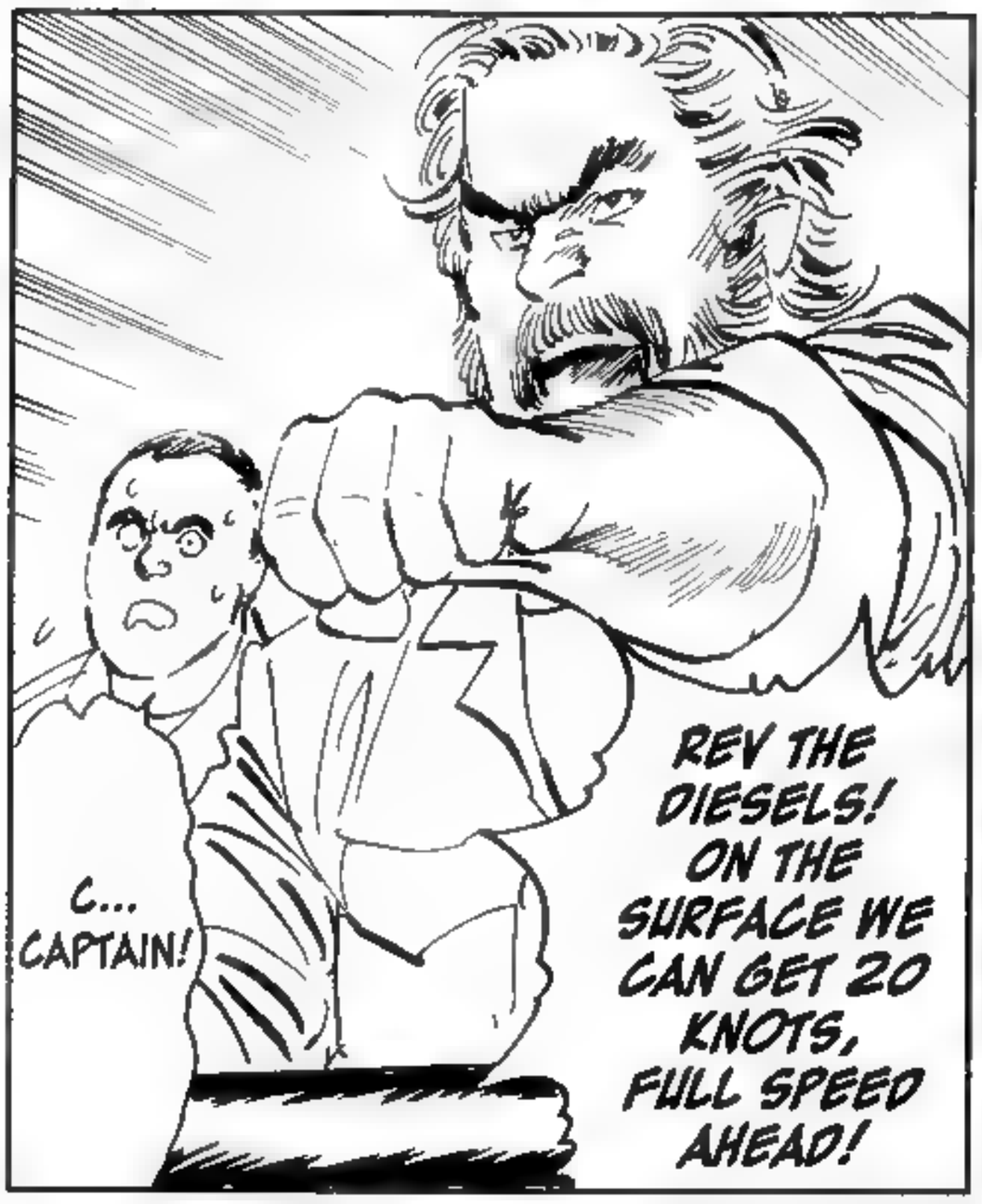
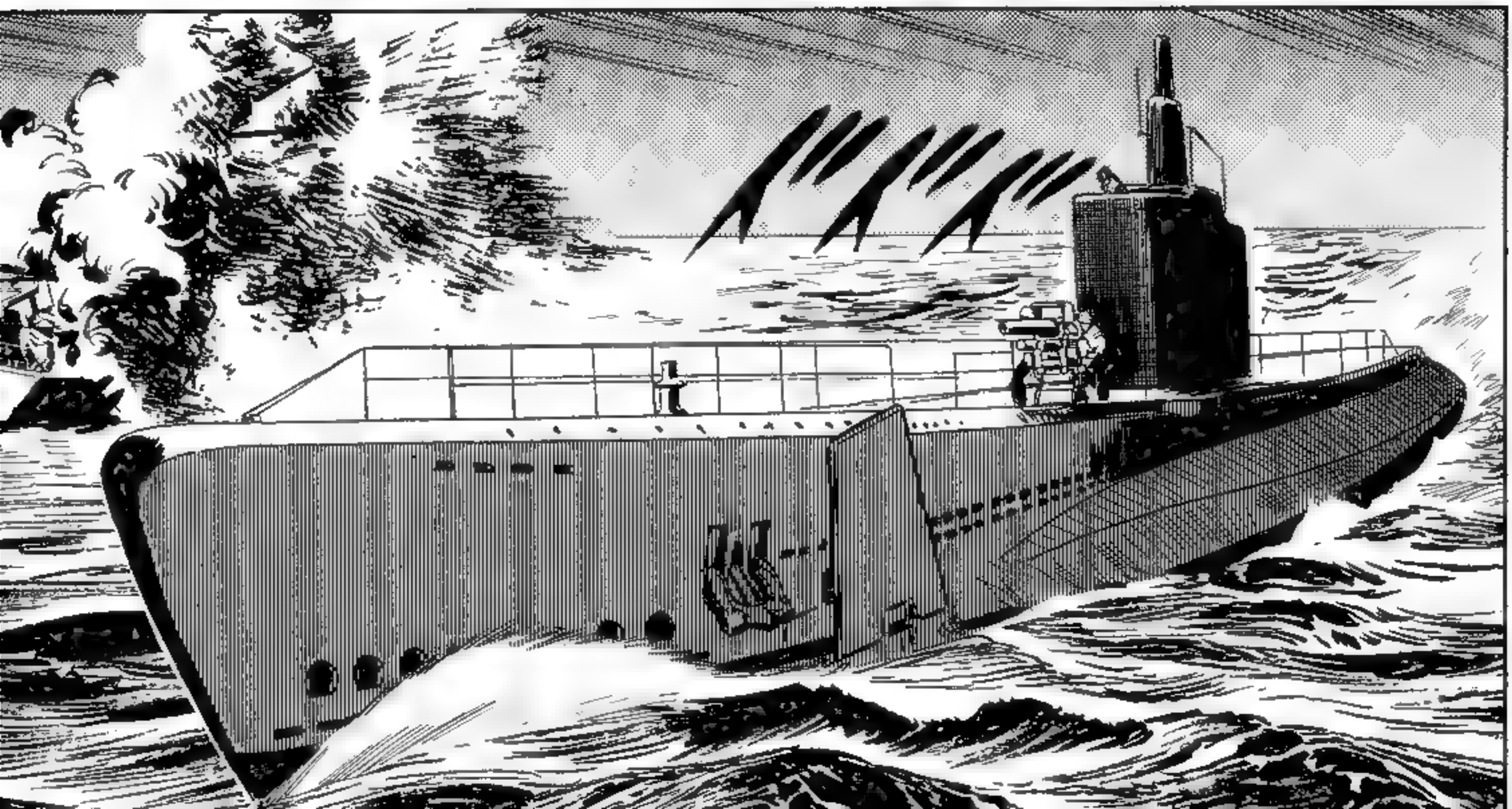

C... CAPTAIN!
REV THE DIESELS! ON THE SURFACE WE CAN GET 20 KNOTS, FULL SPEED AHEAD!

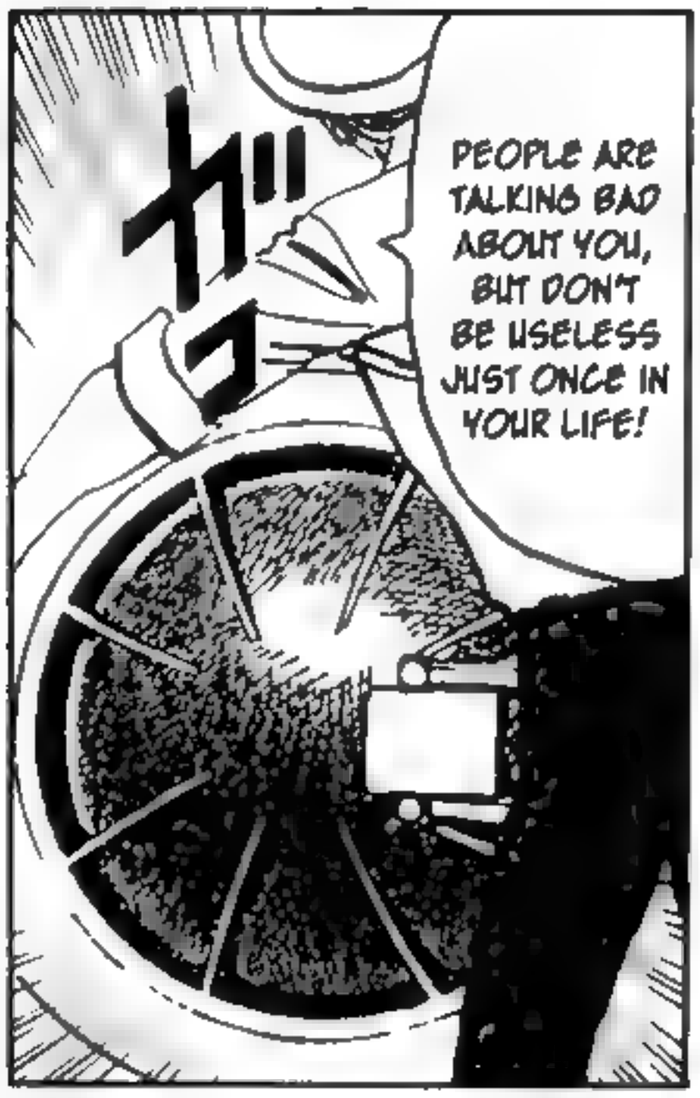
GOT 'EM! NOW THEY CAN'T STEER!



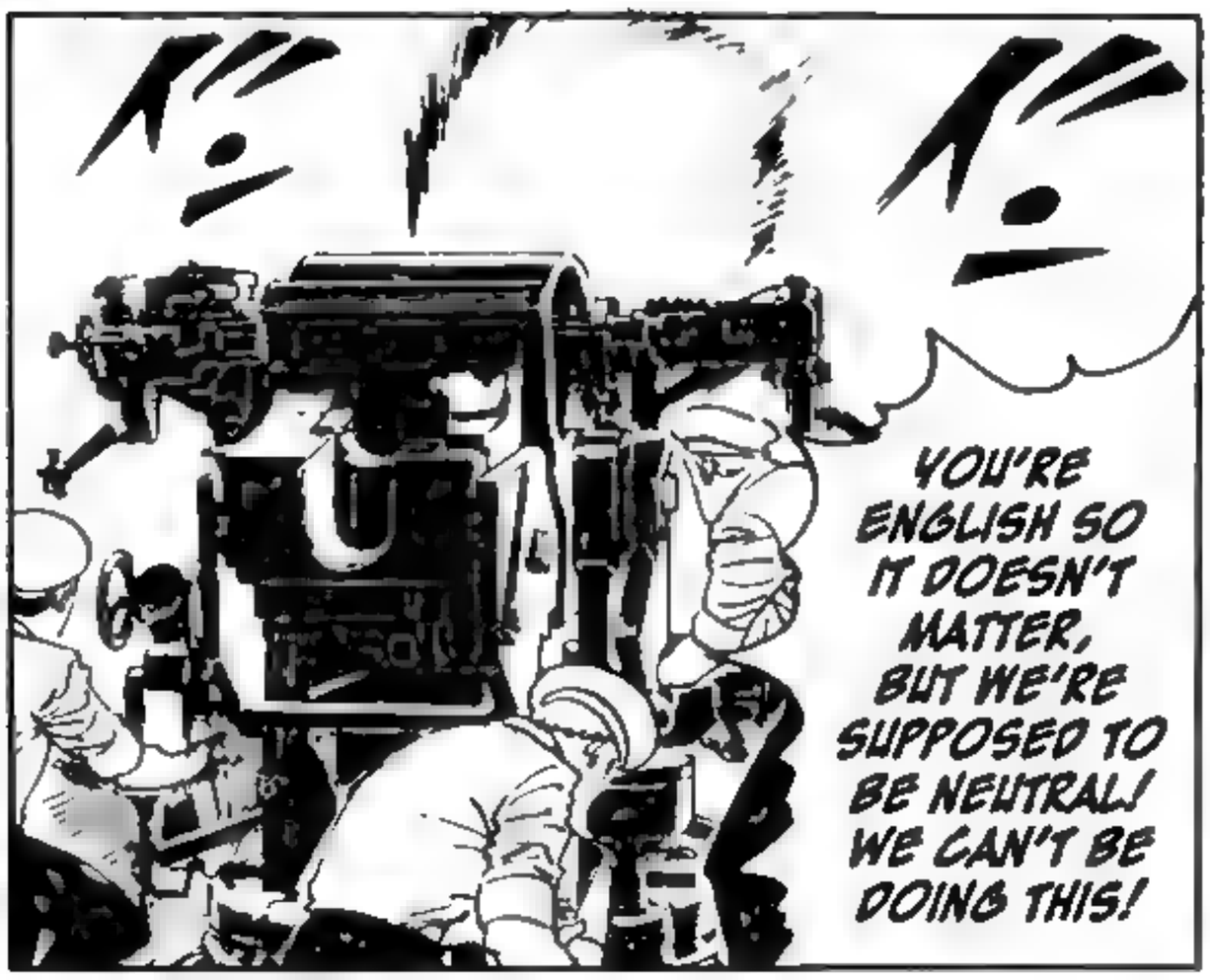
CAP-
TAIN!

FIRE! FIRE!! I DON'T CARE IF WE HIT OR MISS. CONFUSE THE HELL OUT OF THEM WITH ALL OF THOSE PROPELLER NOISES!

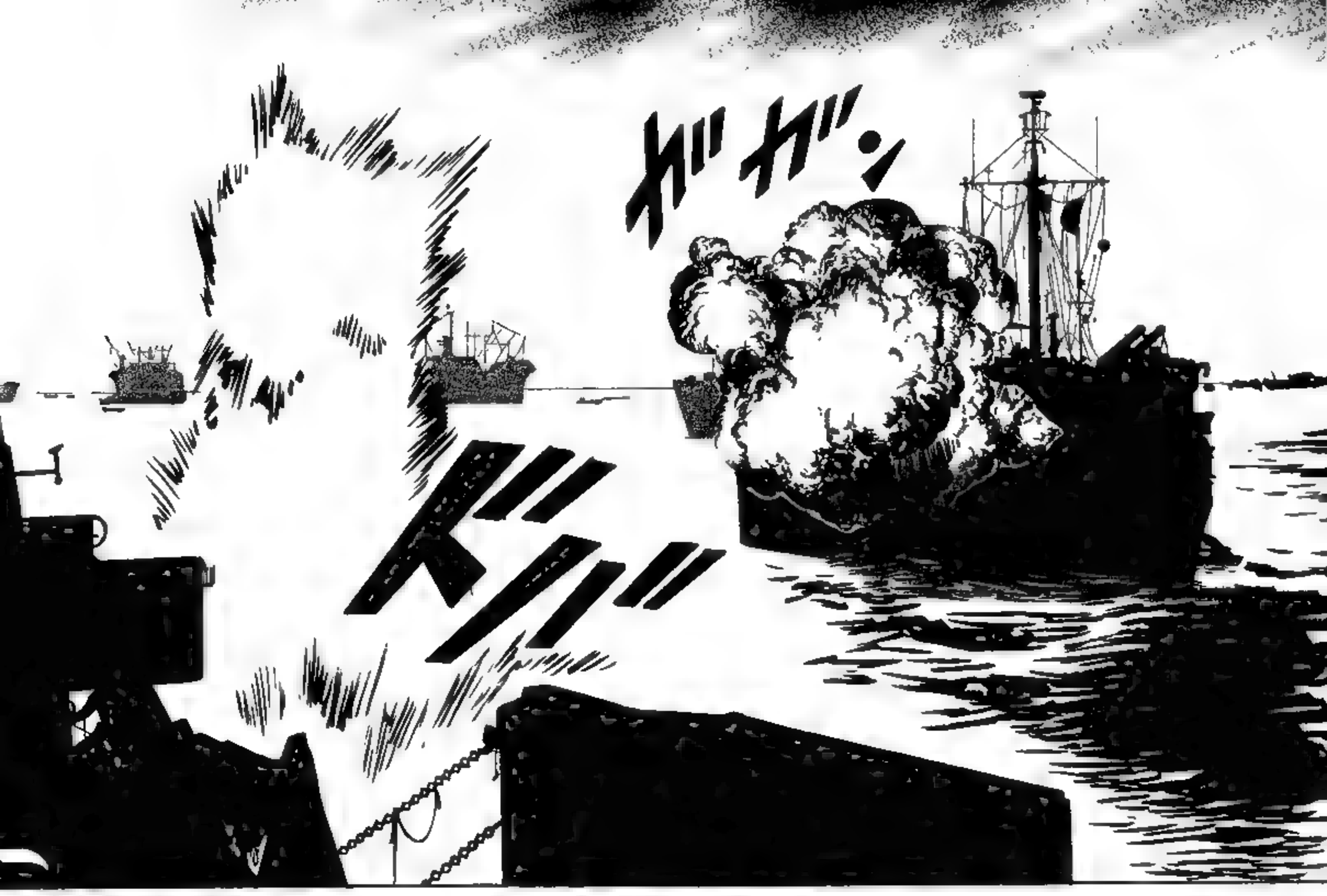
BOW LAUNCH TUBES! SET THE TORPEDO DEATHS TO RANDOM DEPTHS THEN FIRE THEM ALL AT 60 DEGREES!


PEOPLE ARE TALKING BAD ABOUT YOU, BUT DON'T BE USELESS JUST ONCE IN YOUR LIFE!

B-BUT CAPTAIN, THE MK14S...
YOU'RE MISSING BECAUSE YOU'RE AIMING! IF YOU SHUT YOUR EYES AND LAUNCH THEM AT LEAST ONE WILL HIT!


YOU'RE ENGLISH SO IT DOESN'T MATTER, BUT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE NEUTRAL! WE CAN'T BE DOING THIS!

FIRE EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT! LET THOSE GERMAN SOLDIERS HAVE A NICE CUP OF THE DOVER'S SALT WATER!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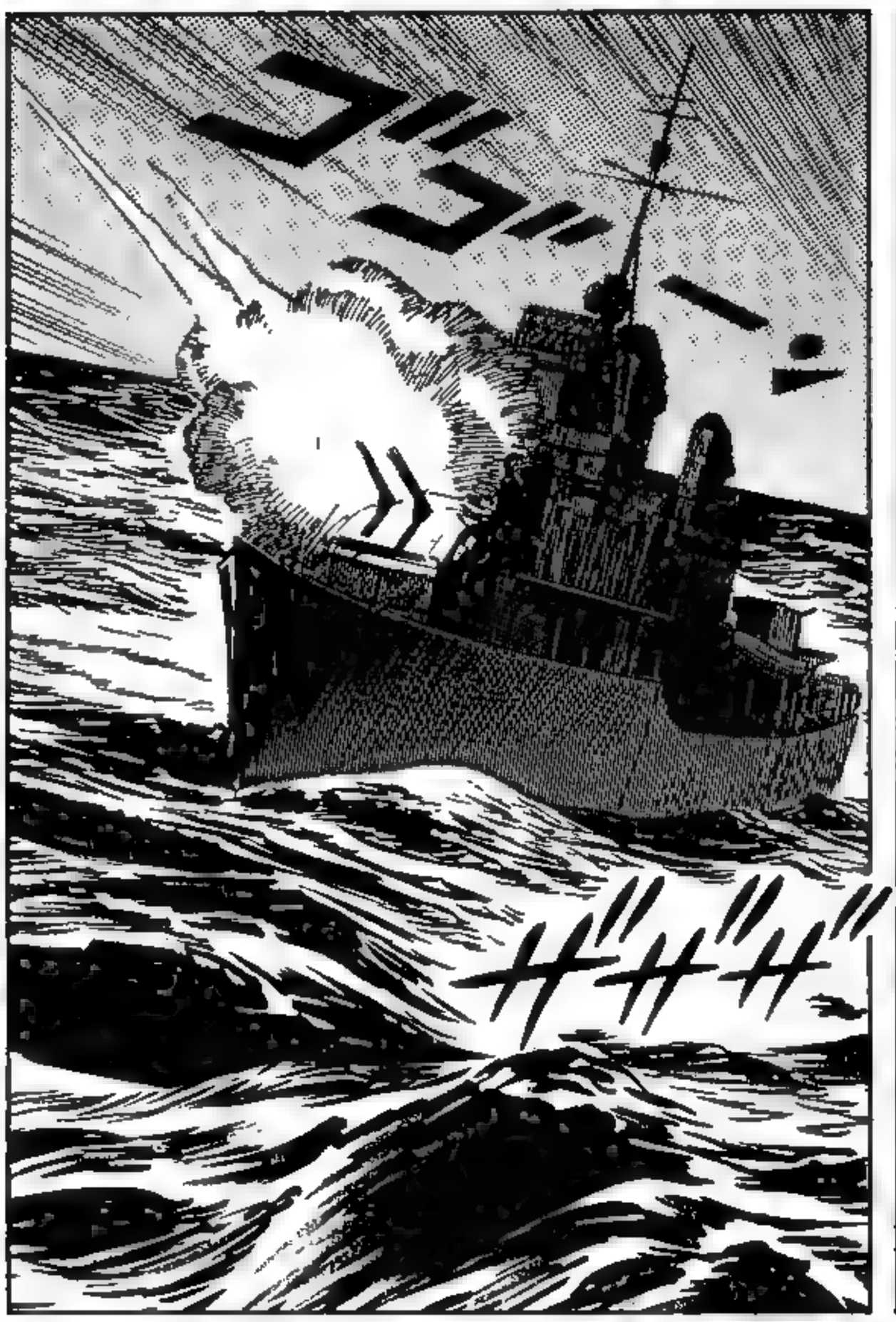
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AGH!

SINK THEM BEFORE THEY DIVE AGAIN!

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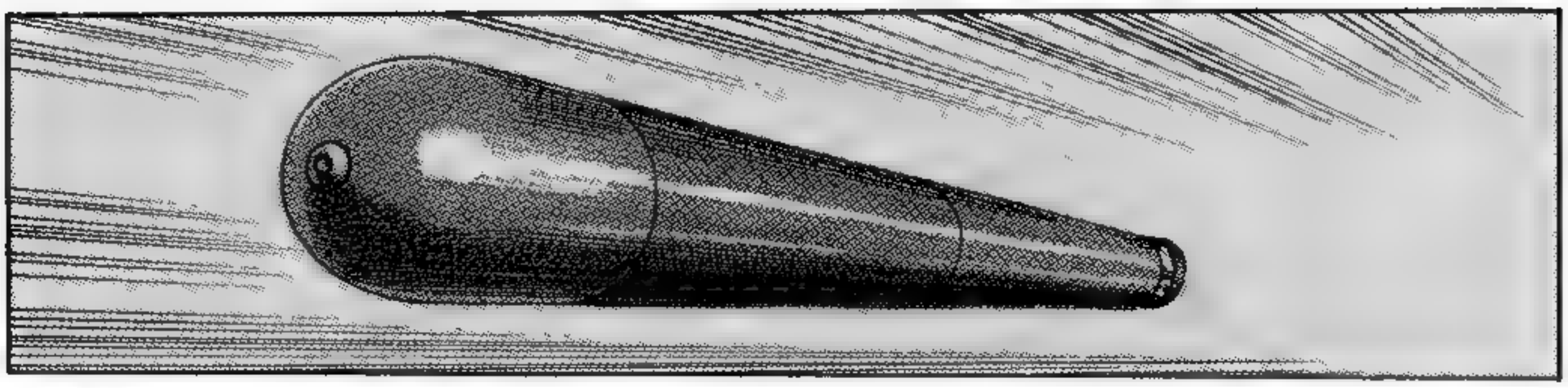
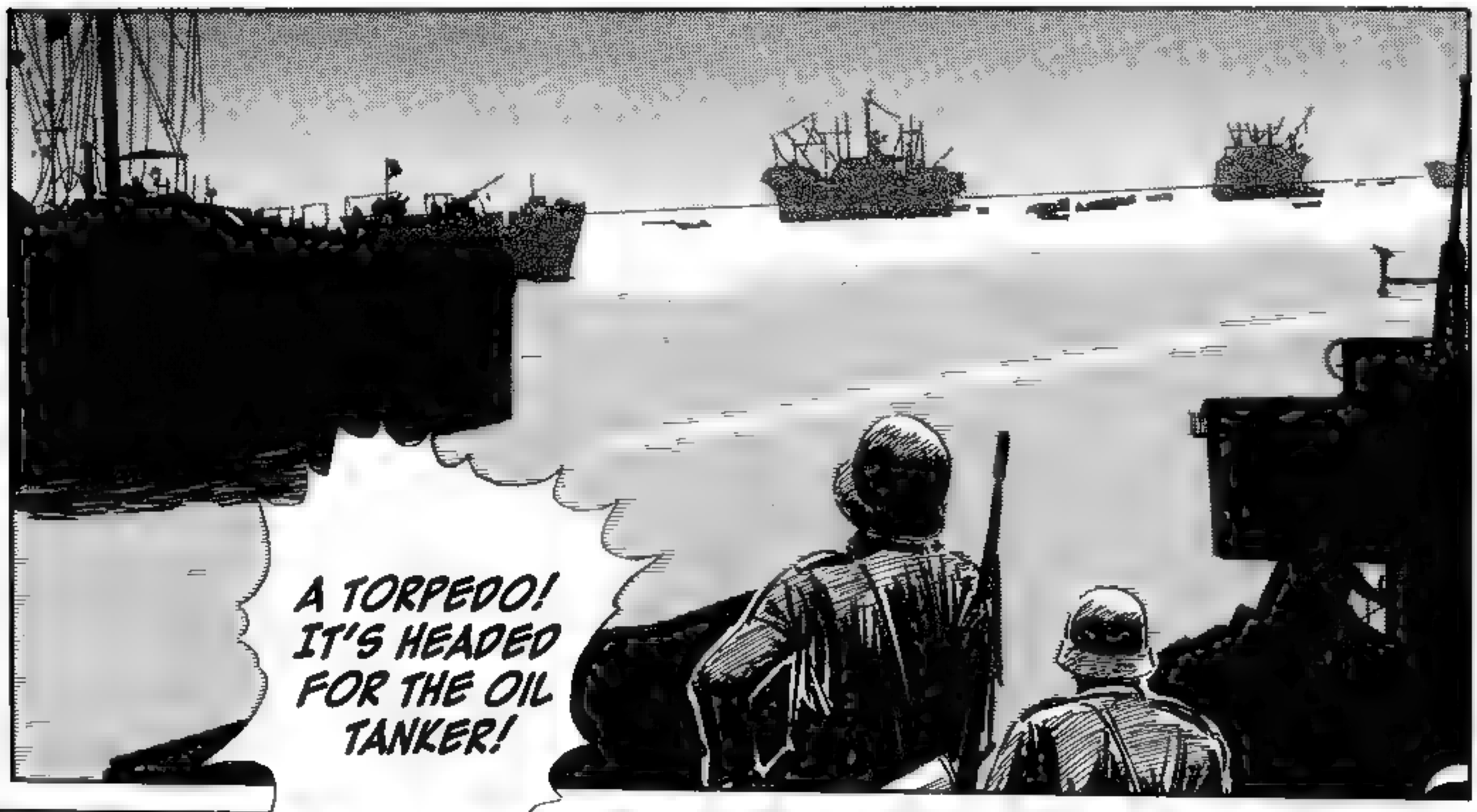
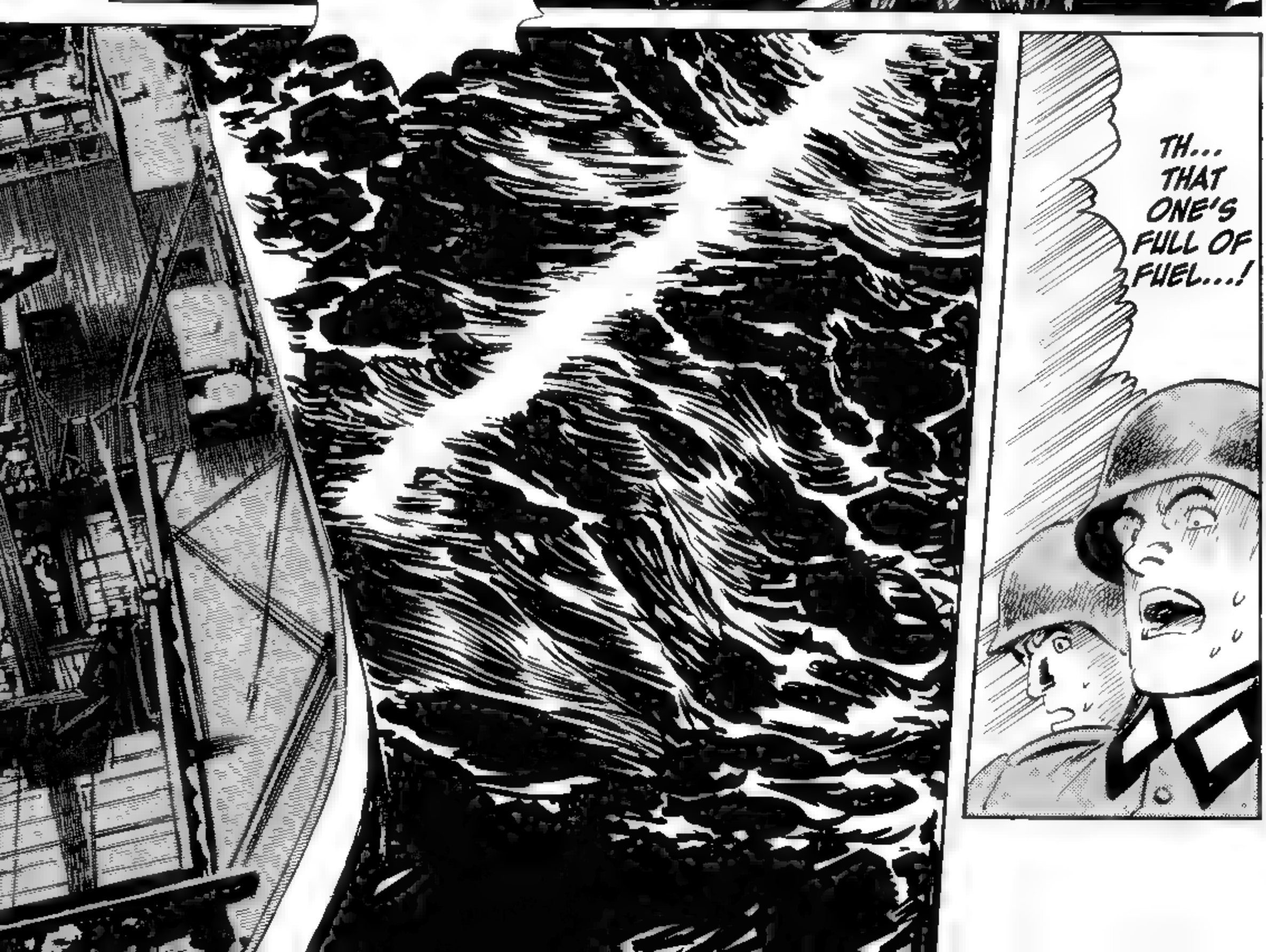
DON'T FEAR THEIR 3" ORDNANCE, BLAST THEM AWAY!!

NO TIME TO DIVE! FACE THEM HEAD ON!!




A TORPEDO! IT'S HEADED FOR THE OIL TANKER!


TH... THAT ONE'S FULL OF FUEL...!

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ATTACK

THE DAMNED TORPEDO HIT...!

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WE'RE TAKING ON WATER IN THE BOW! RAISE THE NOSE!

THEY'RE TOO CLOSE AND TOO LOW! WE CAN'T ANGLE THE MAIN GUNS ANY FARTHER DOWN!

IM... IMPOS-SIBLE!

ドオンドン

FOCUS ALL ANTI-AIR GUNS TO THE FRONT! STOMP ON THAT TIN TURTLE!!

FIRE! FIRE NOW!!

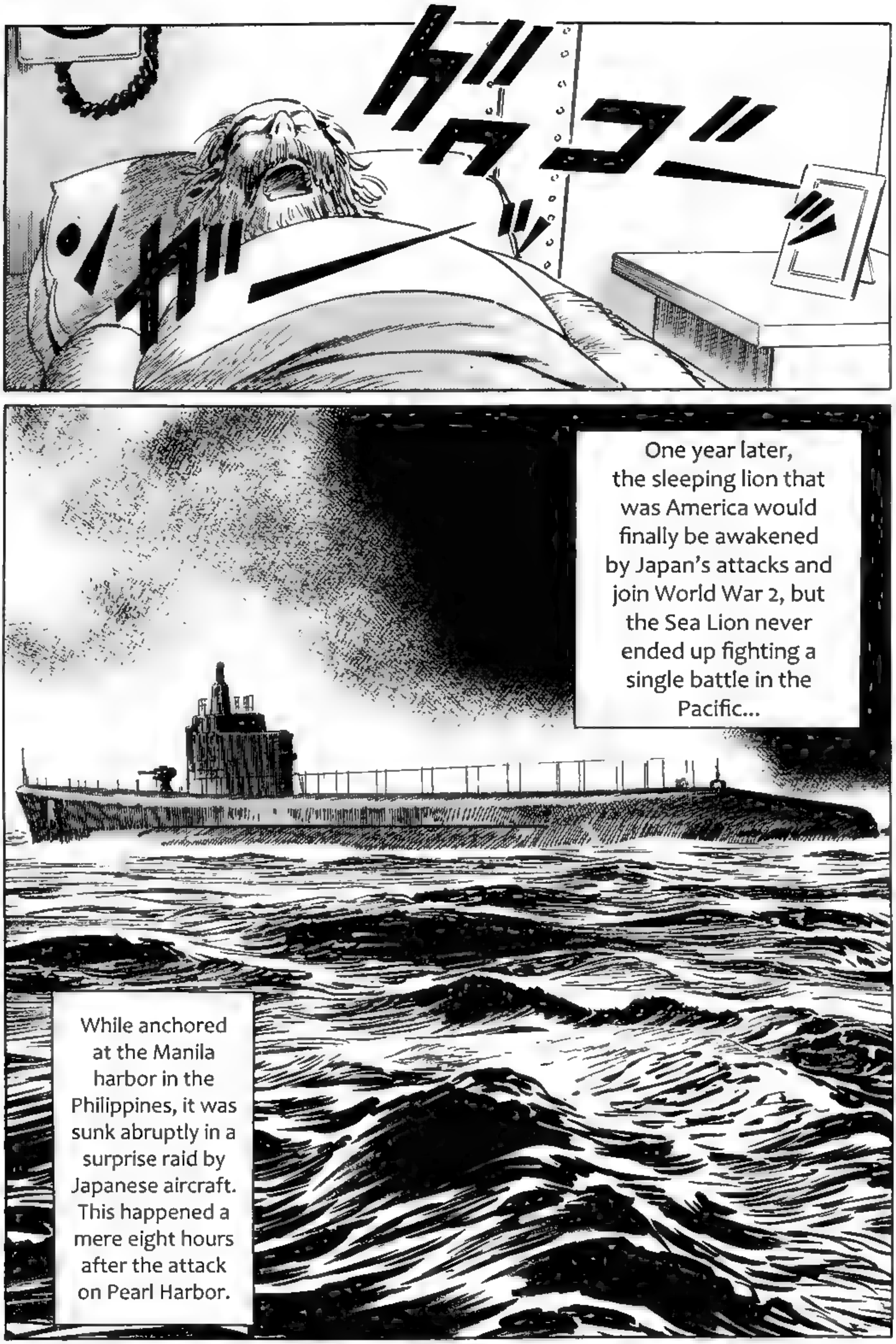
...

...AND I'M BEAT. I DOUBT I'LL BE ABLE TO FIGHT THE JAPANESE IN THE PACIFIC AT THIS RATE...

The fact that Operation Seelöwe was stopped by the United States' Sea Lion is not recorded in the history books.

The ***neutral*** country America kept their silence, and Germany was afraid that if they made the shameful news public, America would be drawn into the war.

The only certainty is that Germany had forever lost their chance to bring England under their control...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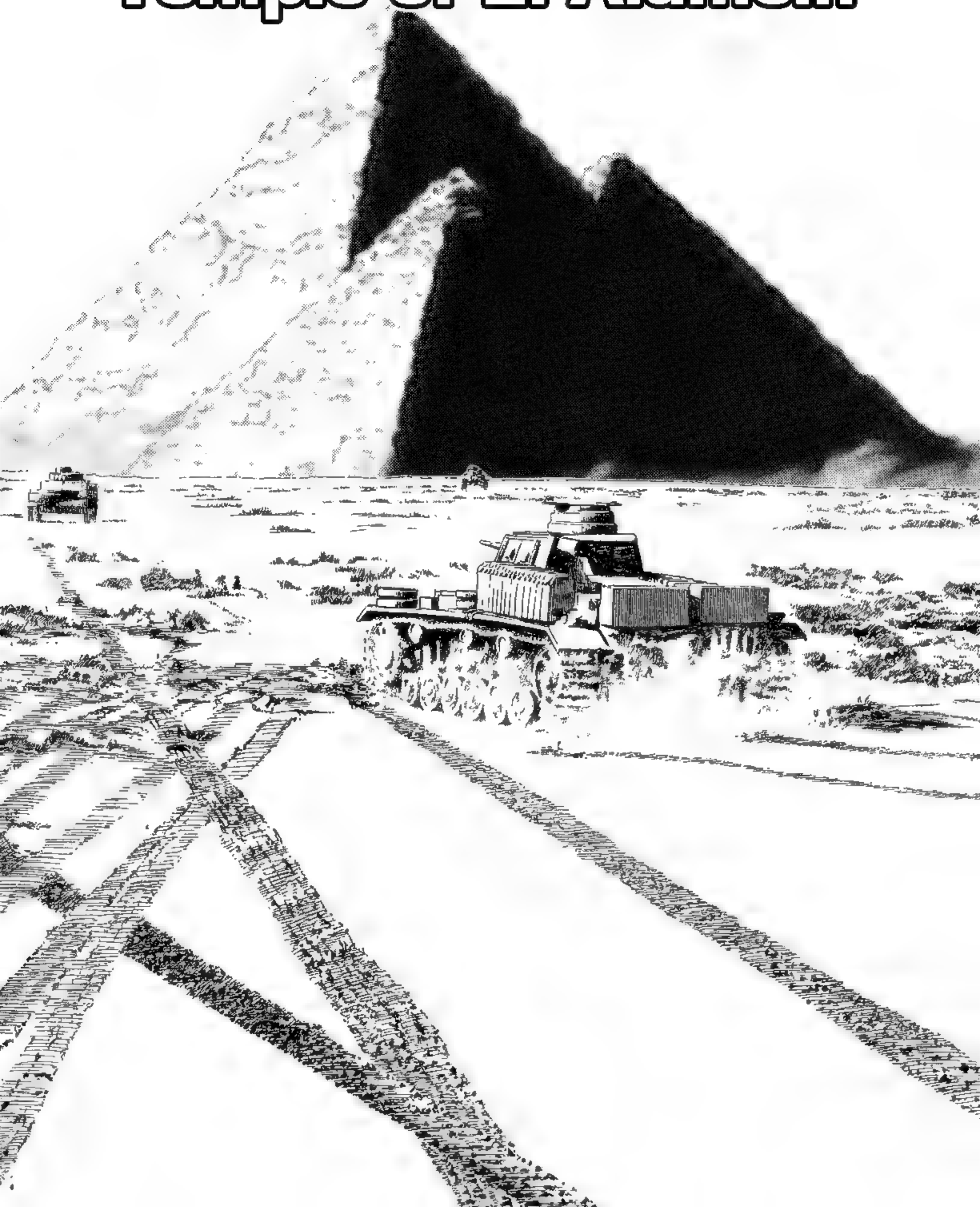
One year later, the sleeping lion that was America would finally be awakened by Japan's attacks and join World War 2, but the Sea Lion never ended up fighting a single battle in the Pacific...
While anchored at the Manila harbor in the Philippines, it was sunk abruptly in a surprise raid by Japanese aircraft. This happened a mere eight hours after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Seelöwe (End)

Vol.2
Temple of El Alamein



Germany joined the North African battlefront, which began with Italy's invasion of Egypt, and the fierce battle between the great Commander Rommel's forces and the Allies continued to spread.

Among these battles was a place east of Cairo called El Alamein which would become the largest tank against tank battlefield, and then a junction point for the Allies to barely rout Germany's African army.

Three years into World War 2, the summer of 1942...

Mediterranean Sea

El Alamein

Cairo

Libya

Egypt

Nile River

El Alamein, Egypt

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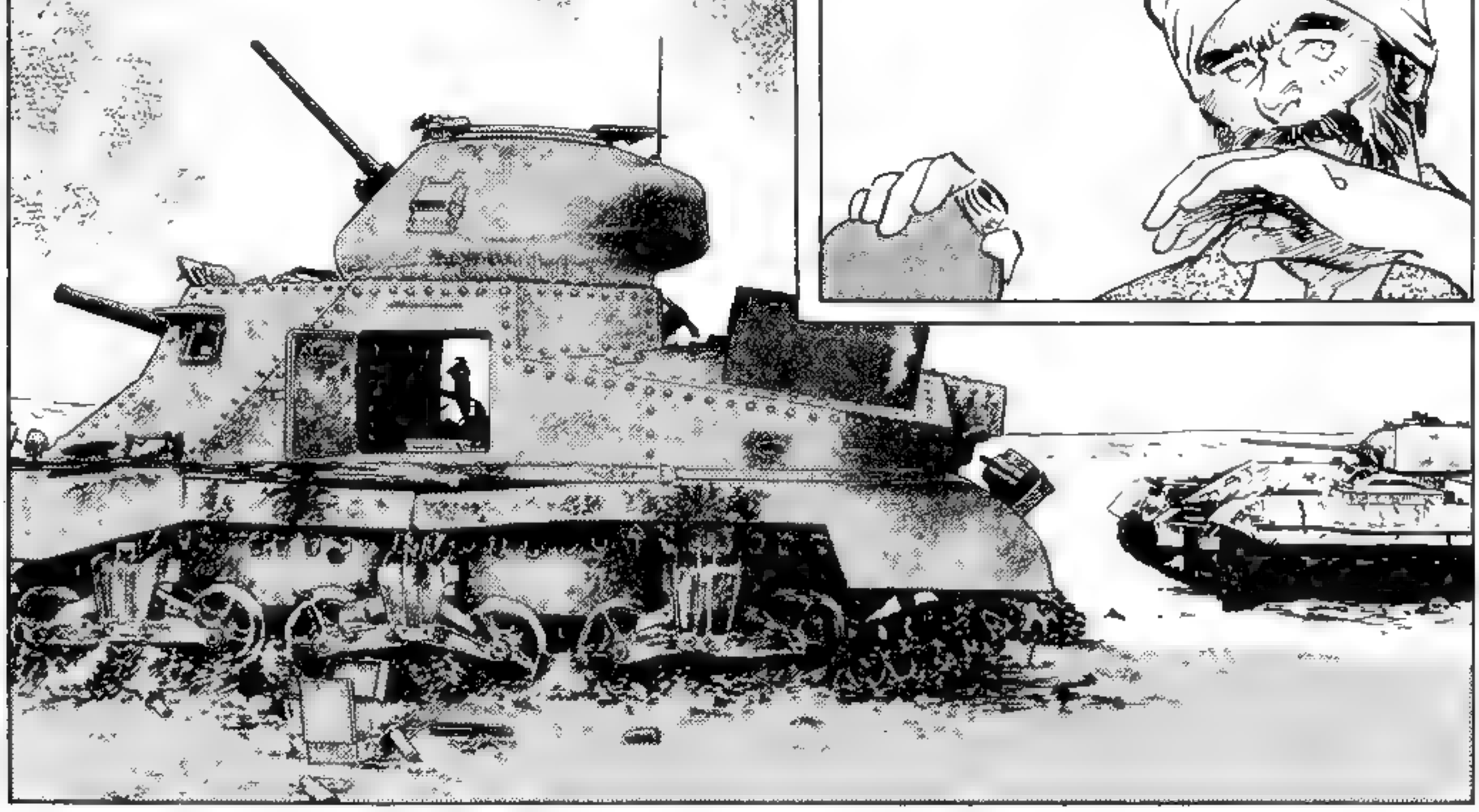

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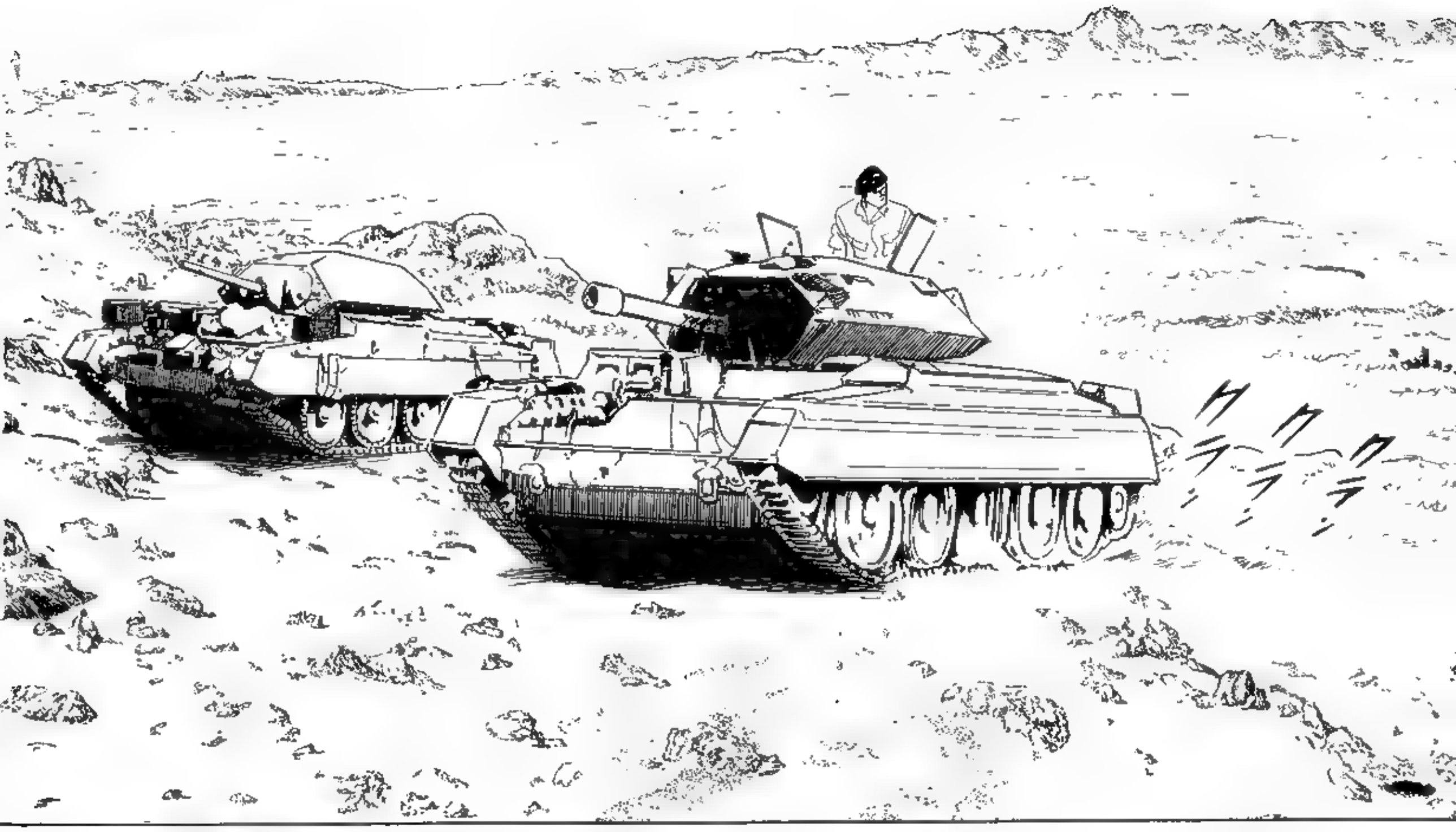

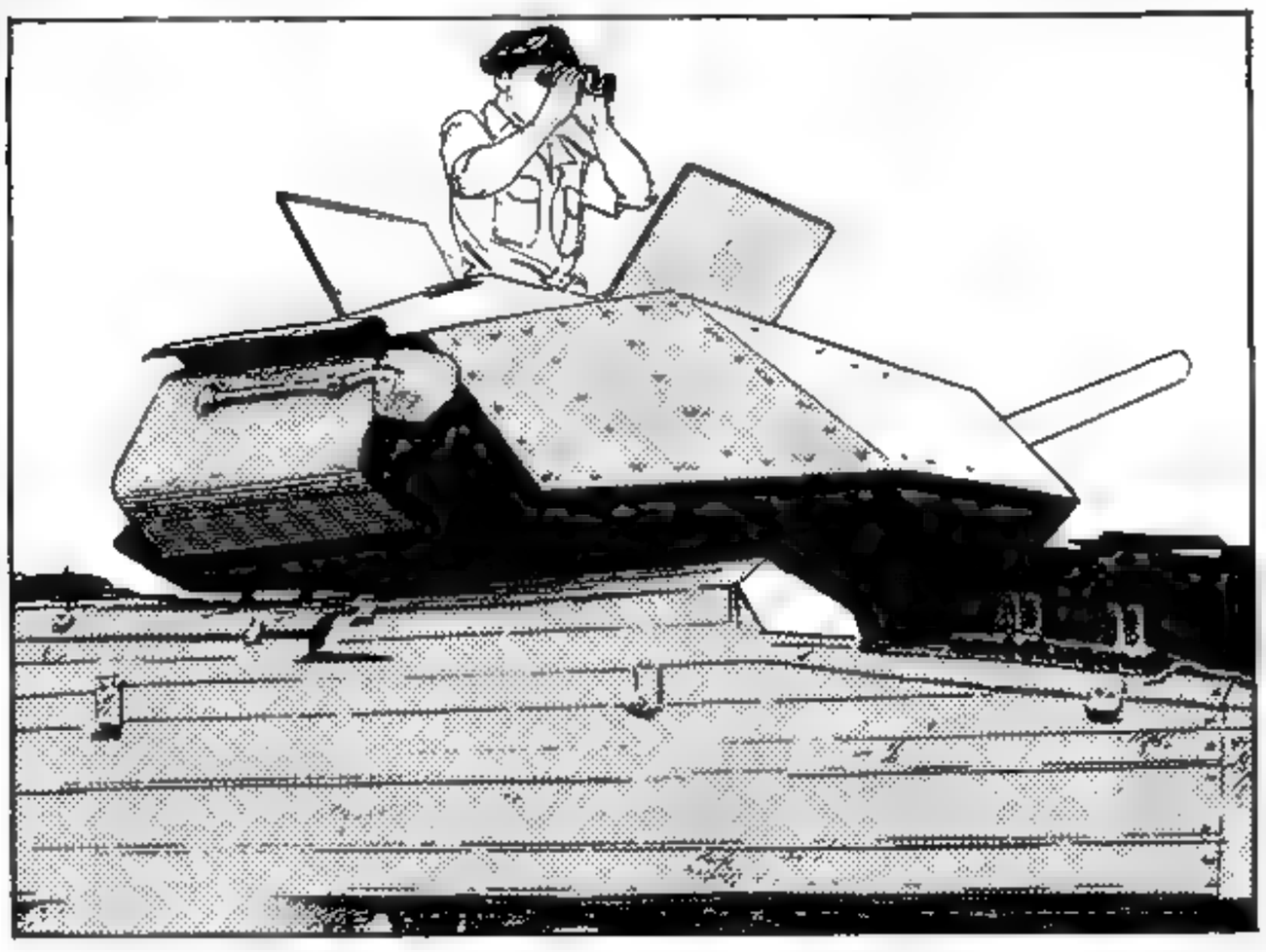

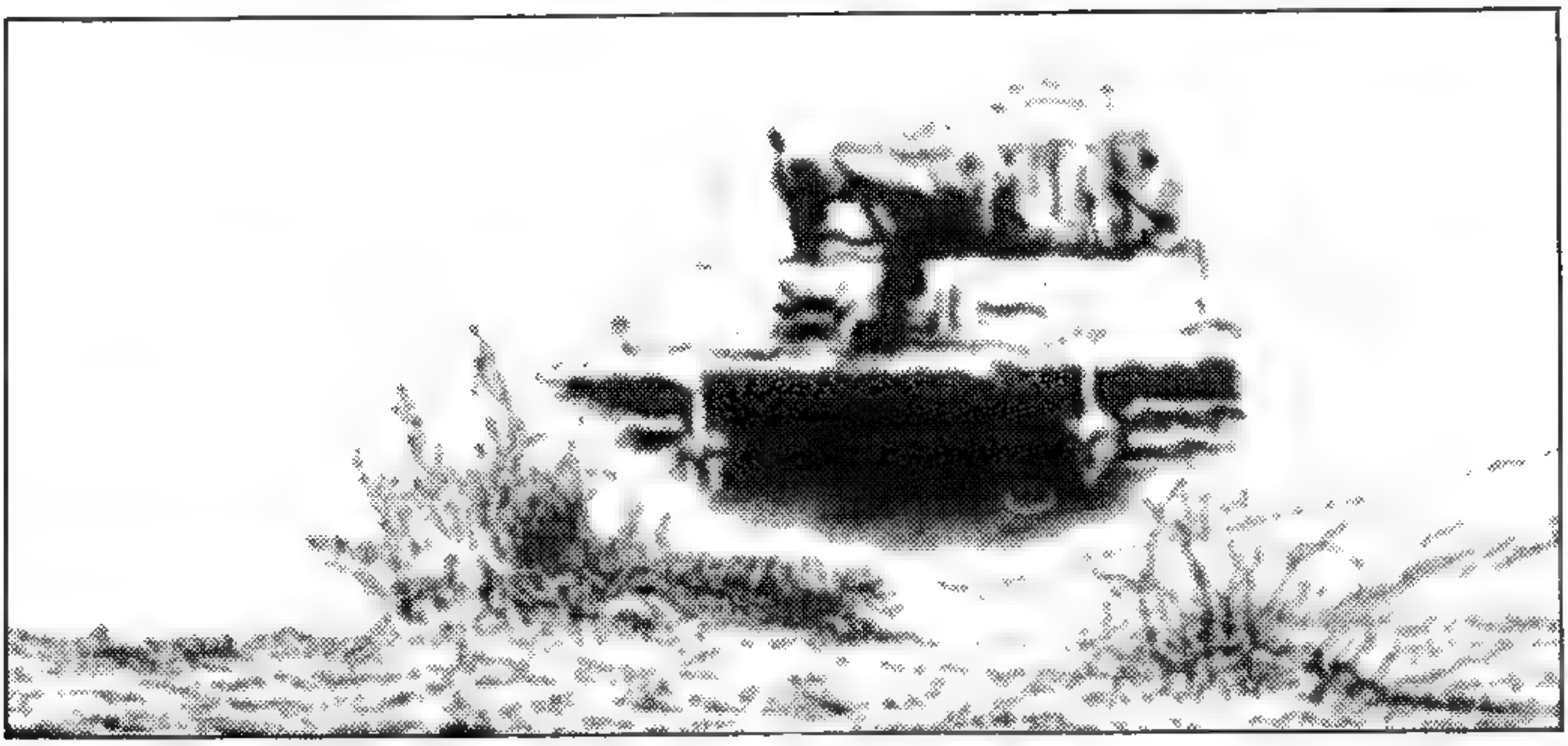

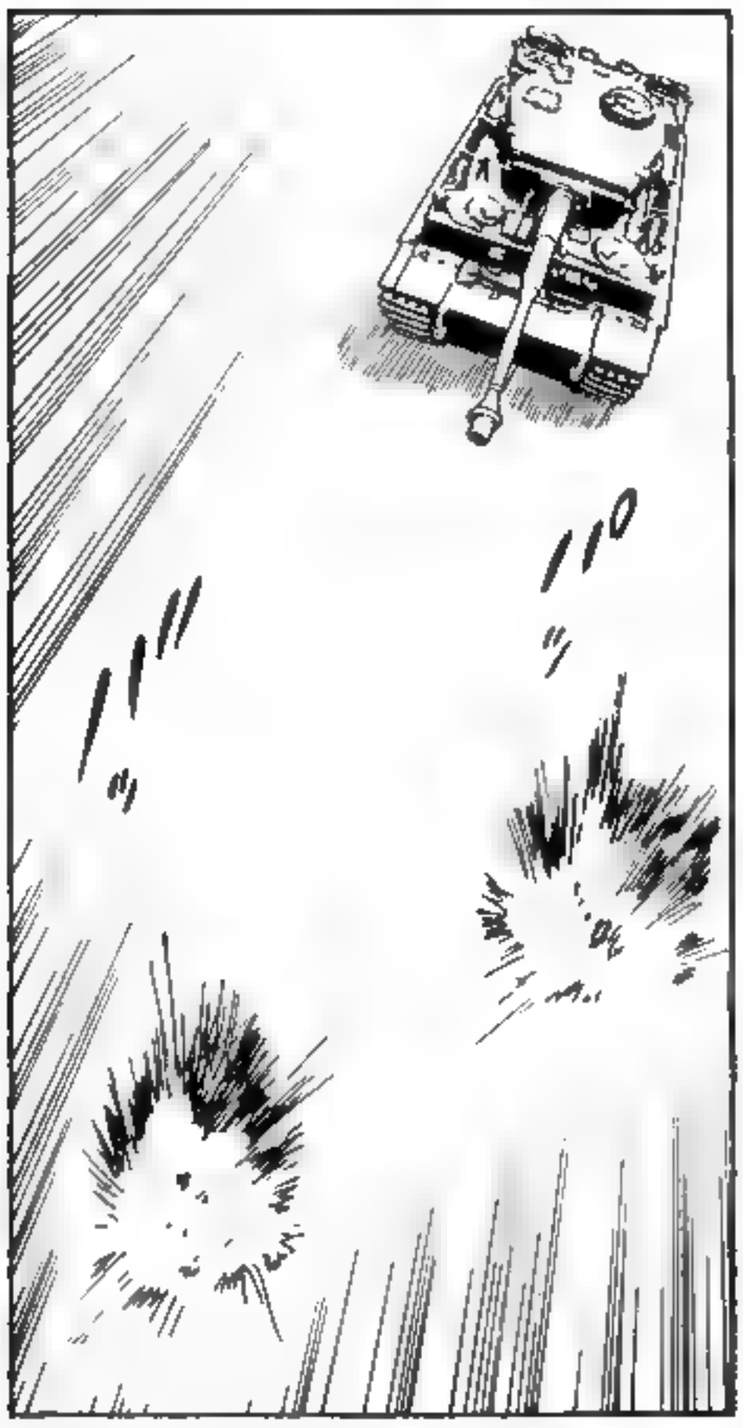

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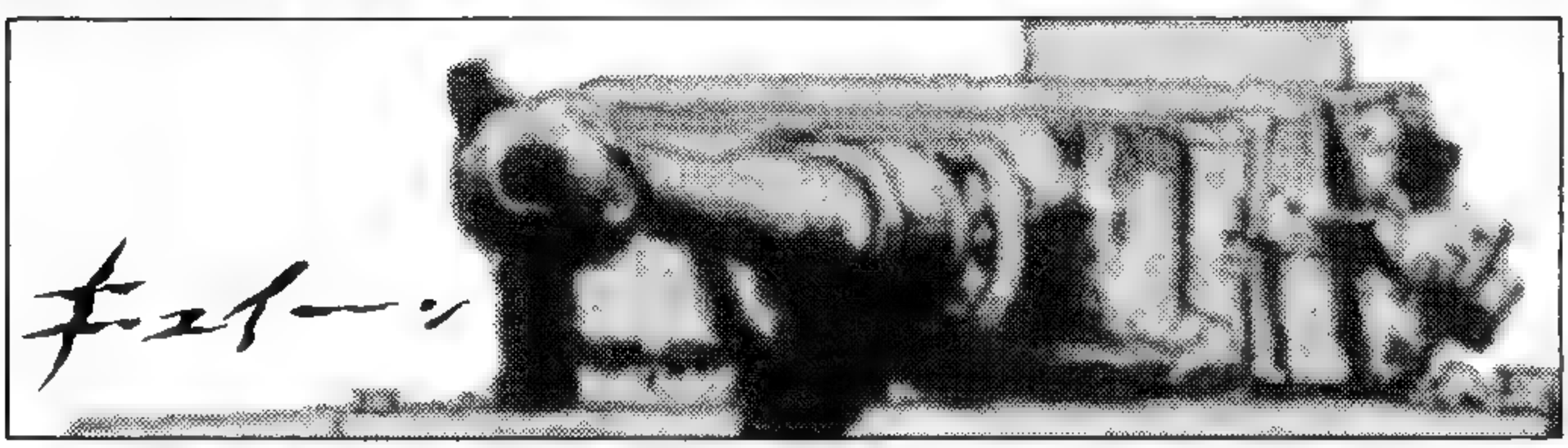
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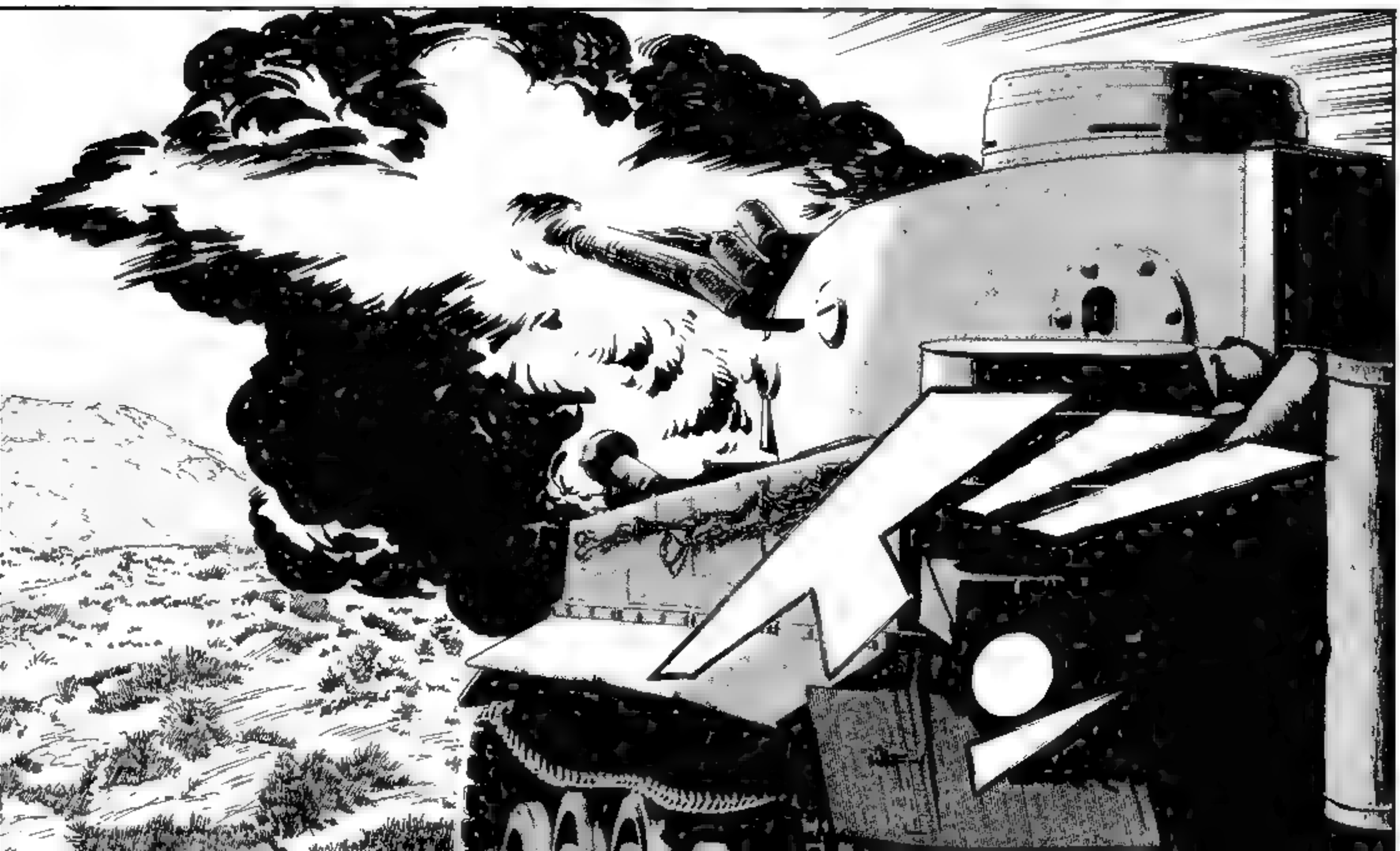

ATTACK
FIRE
ZOOM

THESE 88MM CANNONS ARE AMAZINGLY POWERFUL, BUT THE HUGE BODY AND HOT SAND MIGHT BE PUTTING TOO MUCH STRAIN ON THE ENGINES.

OVER-HEATING AGAIN...

NOTHING. ALL THE WATER AND FUEL GOT BLOWN AWAY.

AND OUR RADIO'S BUSTED. JUST LOOK AT THIS ANTENNA.

THIS IS THE 6TH ONE WE'VE DESTROYED... THEY HAVE ANYTHING?

THE TIGER IS THE MOST POWERFUL TANK IN HISTORY, LIEUTENANT BERCK. WE WOULD HAVE NO EQUALS ON THE BATTLEFIELD WITH BETTER MASS PRODUCTION.

DO WHAT YOU CAN. THE MAIN FORCE SHOULD ALREADY BE WITHDRAWING TO LIBYA. WE'LL GET LEFT BEHIND IF WE CAN'T CONTACT THEM.

LOOKS LIKE REPAIRS ARE GOING TO TAKE A BIT OF TIME HERE, LIEUTENANT.

S... SIR!

DON'T BE USELESS, WOLF. KEEP WATCH ON THAT BANK.

DAMN. HATE BEING STRANDED IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...

...

WHAT WAS THAT...?

R-RUINS! WE'RE ON TOP OF SOME ANCIENT EGYPTIAN RUINS...!

AND THERE'S A CAMEL HERE...?

COME OUT NICE AND QUIET! DON'T TRY ANYTHING FUNNY.

THESE ARE...

MUMMIFIED CATS FROM ANCIENT EGYPT!

EGYPTIAN? WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE CARRYING?

IN THE MIDDLE OF A WAR! YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT THIS, WOLF...

A LOT OF MUMMIFIED CATS HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED. I'VE HEARD THAT SOME PEOPLE CRUSH THEM INTO FERTILIZER TO SELL RATHER THAN USE THEM FOR THEIR ACADEMIC VALUE...

CATS?

YOU STOLE ALL THESE CANTEENS FROM OUR ALLIES, I BET!

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LIEUTENANT... I'D LIKE TO INVESTIGATE WHAT'S INSIDE A LITTLE...

WHAT'S THAT!?

...

OH YEAH, NOW I REMEMBER. YOU SAID YOU WERE SOME KIND OF DIGGER BACK AT SCHOOL.

AN ARCHE-OLOGIST. I'VE TAKEN PART IN INVESTIGATING RUINS IN LIBYA BEFORE—

I THINK THIS MIGHT BE A NOT YET EXCAVATED TEMPLE OF SOME KIND. PLEASE GIVE ME A LITTLE BIT OF TIME TO CHECK IT OUT...

PLEASE! ONE HOUR... EVEN THIRTY MINUTES WOULD BE OKAY!

YOU THINK YOU'RE HEINRICH SCHLIEMANN OR SOMETHING? WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A DAMNED WAR!

THANK YOU SO MUCH! I'LL HAVE THAT MAN GUIDE ME IN.

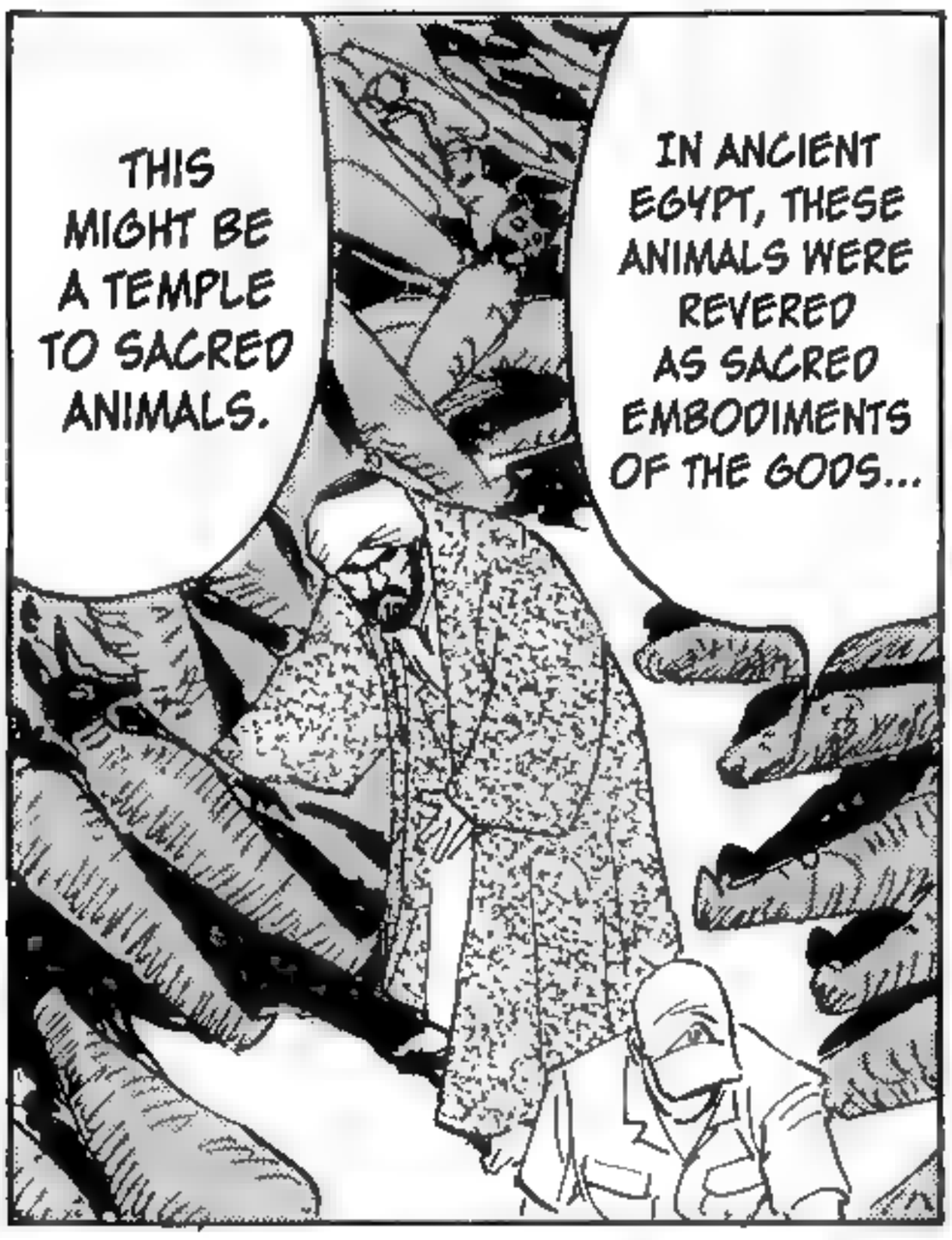
TCH. THE TANK WON'T BE MOVING ANYWHERE FOR A LITTLE WHILE, ANYWAY. BE BACK AT YOUR POST IN TWENTY MINUTES, GOT IT!?

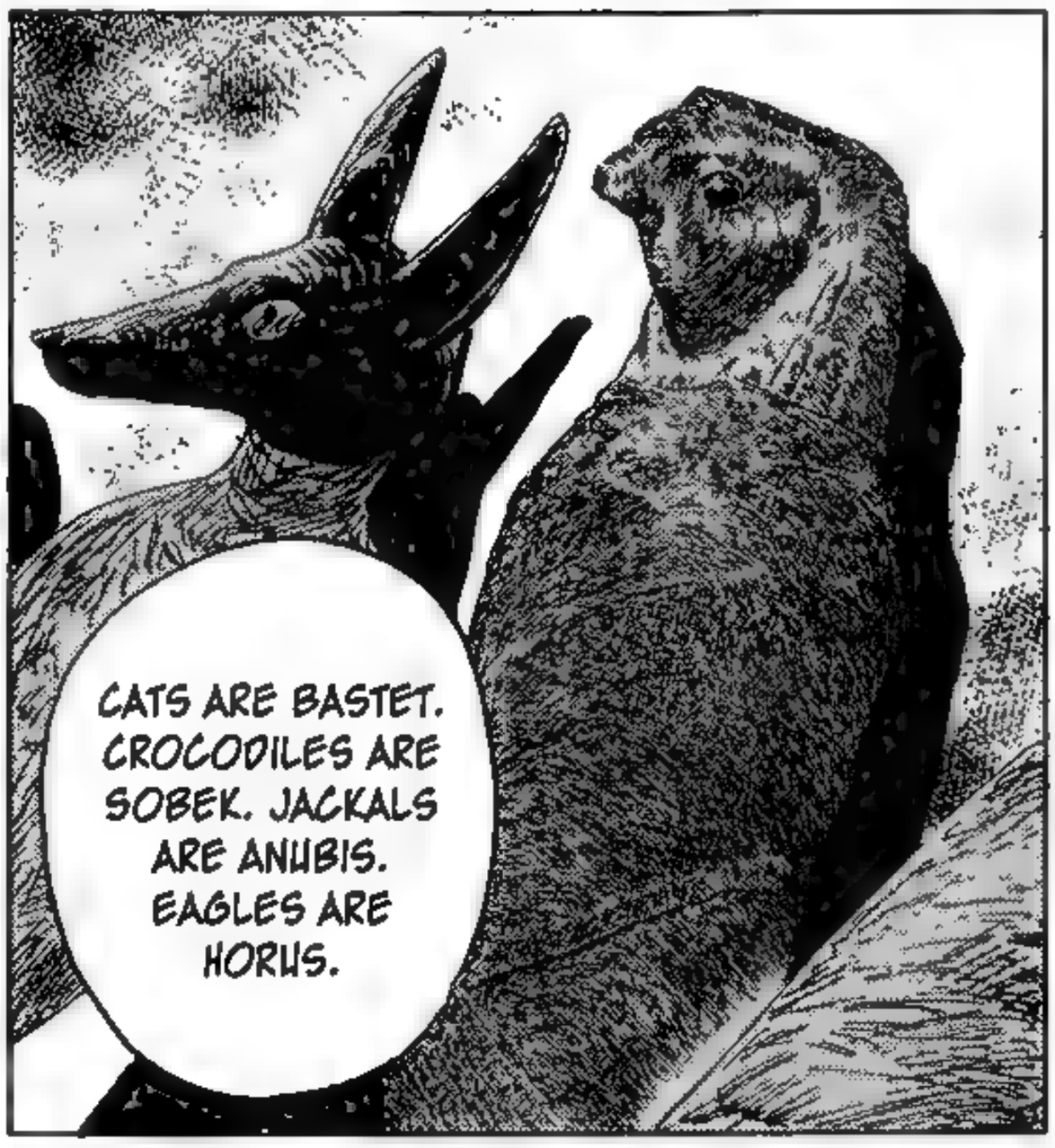
...

THERE'S NO TIME. TAKE THIS. PLEASE.

THE MURALS ONLY HAVE ANIMALS ON THEM. STRANGE...

THE EGYPTIANS MUMMIFIED THEIR PET CATS UPON DEATH. EXPLAINS WHY THERE'S A LOT OF CAT-LOVERS IN LATER ERAS.


THIS MIGHT BE A TEMPLE TO SACRED ANIMALS.
IN ANCIENT EGYPT, THESE ANIMALS WERE REVERED AS SACRED EMBODIMENTS OF THE GODS...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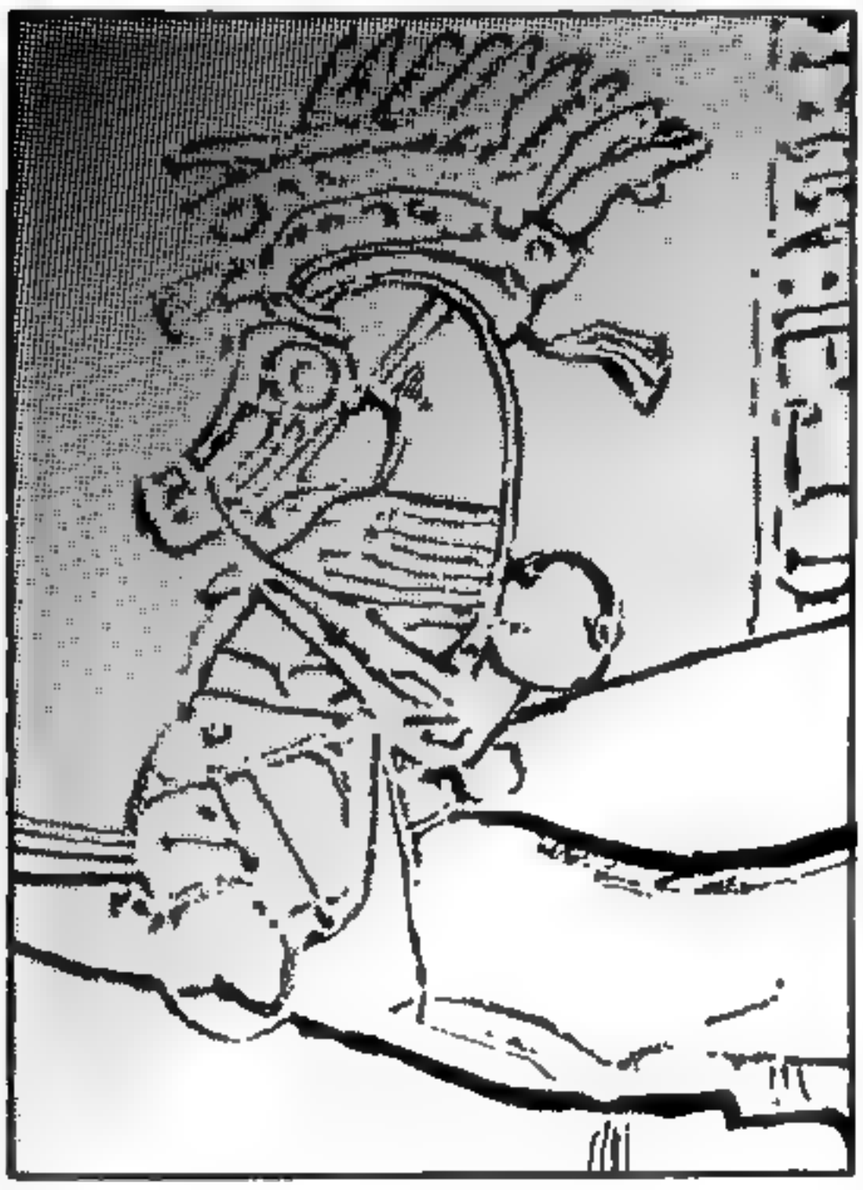

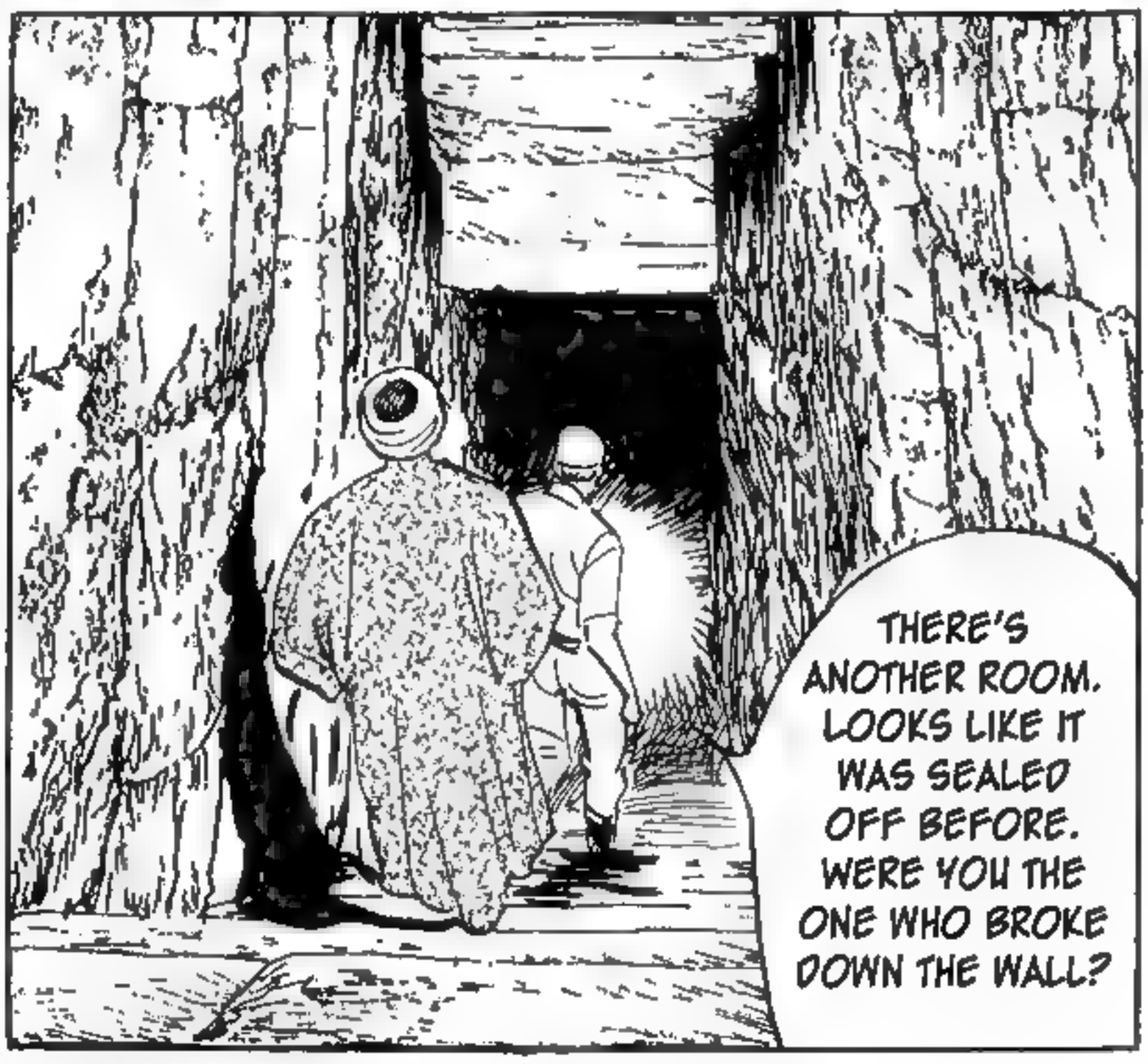
THERE'S ANOTHER ROOM. LOOKS LIKE IT WAS SEALED OFF BEFORE. WERE YOU THE ONE WHO BROKE DOWN THE WALL?

MILITARY VEHICLE WRECKAGE IN HERE. THESE ARE HORSE DRAWN BATTLE CHARIOTS, COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM OUR TANKS...

MUMMIFIED HORSES ARE RARE. I BET THESE WERE SPECIAL BEASTS THAT BELONGED TO A PHARAOH'S ARMY, BECAUSE THERE WEREN'T ANY HORSES IN ANCIENT EGYPT.

THE ROCKS ARE DIFFERENT HERE...

I'VE GOT IT. THE FURTHER IN YOU GO, THE OLDER THE ROOM IS...

THESE ARE COWS...

THAT MEANS THAT EACH ERA ADDED IN A NEW ROOM TO DEIFY THEIR SACRED ANIMALS.

COWS ARE WIDELY WORSHIPED AS THE GOD APIS, BUT THEY WERE ALSO DOMESTICATED IN ANCIENT TIMES...

THEY'RE DRAGGING GIANT ROCKS IN THIS ONE.

THIS DRAWING SHOWS THAT COWS WERE USED TO CONSTRUCT THE TEMPLE ...

BUT THE ROCKS WERE TOO HEAVY AND A LOT OF COWS DIED... I GUESS THEY'RE THE ONES THAT GOT MUMMIFIED...

IS THIS A PYRAMID? LOOKS LIKE THEY NEVER COMPLETED IT. IS THAT BECAUSE THE COWS COULDN'T DRAG THE STONES INTO PLACE...?

HEY, WHAT'S WRONG?

...WE CAN GO FURTHER IN. THIS ROOM IS FROM AN EVEN MORE ANCIENT TIME.

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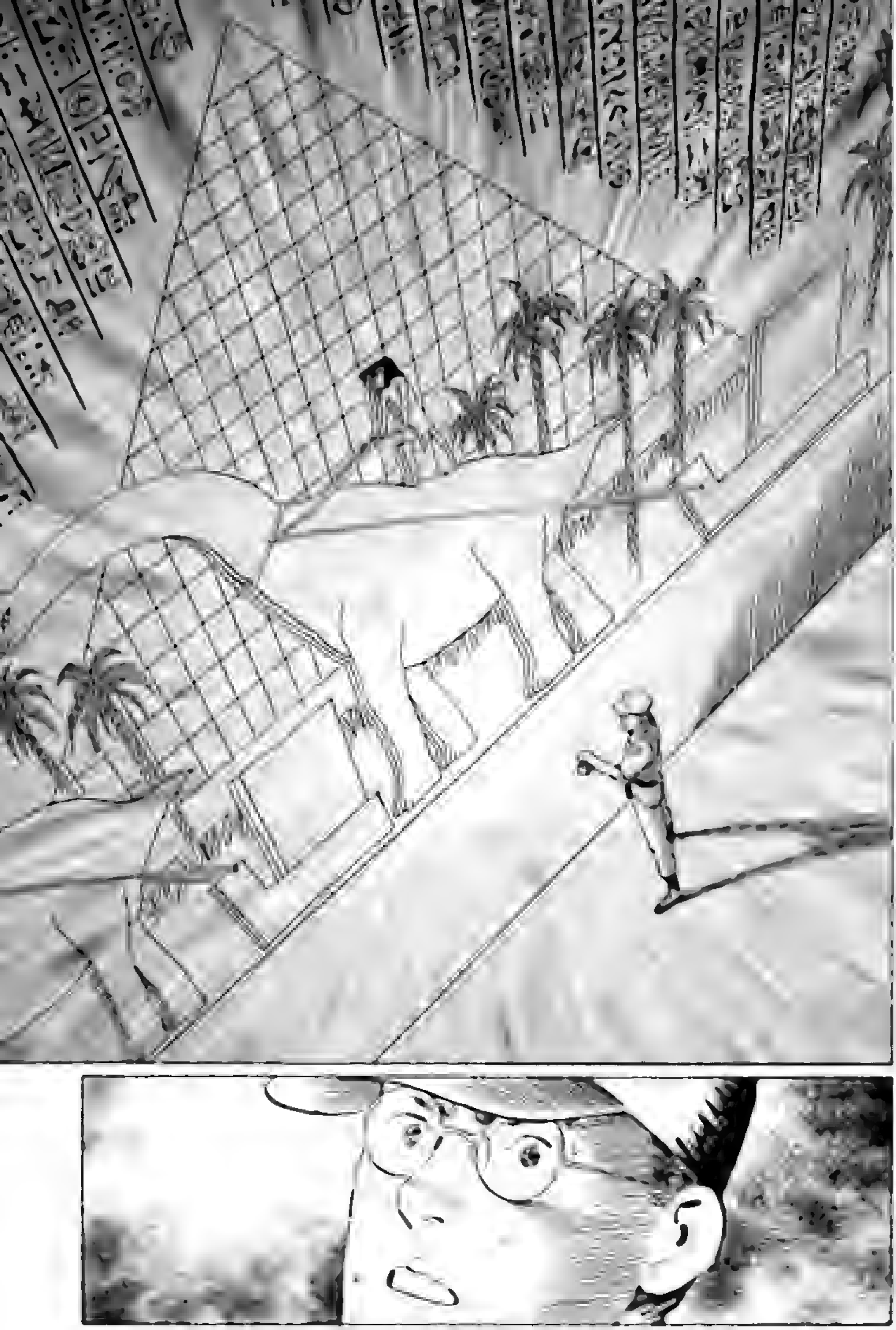
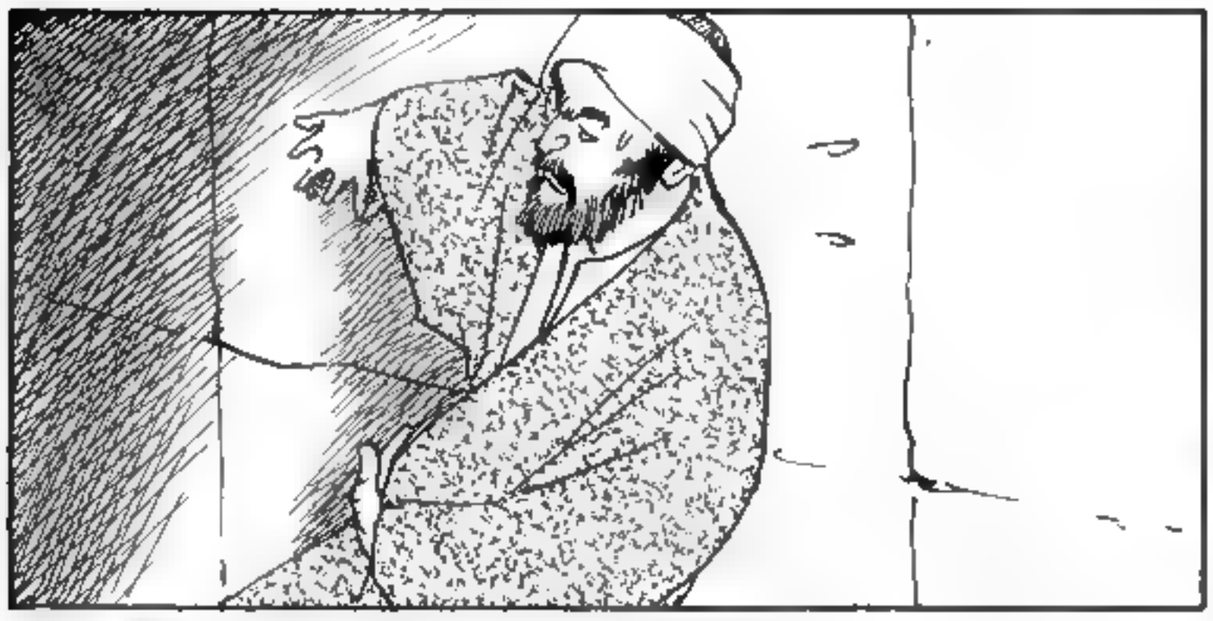
THIS ROOM IS HUGE... MY LIGHT WON'T EVEN BRIGHTEN THE FAR WALLS.





WOLF! YOUR TWENTY MINUTES ARE UP! GET BACK TO YOUR POST NOW!!

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WHERE IS HE!? IS HE IN THERE!?

WOLF!

TAKE ME TO HIM! I'LL TURN YOU INTO A MUMMY IF YOU DON'T!

ARE YOU DEAF, WOLF!?

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...WHAT IS THAT...!?

THIS MEANS THAT DINOSAURS STILL LIVED IN AFRICA AT THAT TIME.

IT'S BELIEVED THAT SEVERAL THOUSAND YEARS AGO DURING THE EARLY EGYPTIAN CIVILIZATION THAT THE REGION WAS COVERED IN GREENERY, NOT THE DESERTS WE SEE TODAY.

A DINOSAUR...! THIS IS THE OLDEST SACRED ANIMAL...!

A MUMMIFIED DINO-SAUR...!?

OTHERWISE IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO MOVE STONES THAT WEIGHED TWO TONS WITH JUST MANPOWER OR DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

THIS IS THE TIME WHEN ALL OF THE MASSIVE PYRAMIDS WERE BUILT. THEY WERE POSSIBLE ***BECAUSE*** THERE WERE DINOSAURS...

BUT THE DESERT TOOK OVER AND ALL OF THE PLANTS THAT WOULD BE THEIR FOOD DIED, TAKING THE LAST OF THE DINOSAURS WITH THEM...

THAT'S WHY AFTER THE PYRAMIDS OF GIZA NO OTHER EGYPTIAN PHARAOH COULD BUILD ANYTHING OTHER THAN A SMALLER PYRAMID...!

BUT TAKE CARE OF IT AFTER THE WAR! GERMANY WILL BE VICTORIOUS, WAIT UNTIL THEN!

LISTEN. EVEN I KNOW THAT NAPOLEON'S EGYPT EXPEDITION IS CONNECTED TO A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT DISCOVERIES. THE FÜHRER MIGHT EVEN BE INTERESTED IN THIS.

FINE, YOU'VE MADE A SMALL DISCOVERY. BUT WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A WAR, WOLF.

SMALL? WE'VE JUST SOLVED THE MYSTERY OF HOW THE PYRAMIDS WERE BUILT!

WOLF, BACK TO YOUR POST. I WON'T SAY IT AGAIN!

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PLEASE! LET ME AT LEAST TAKE SOME MEMOS OR SKETCHES DOWN. WE HAVE TO LEAVE SOME KIND OF RECORD...!

GYAH!

AH...

WHAT... WHAT DID YOU DO!?

WE HAVE TO PROTECT IT FROM GRAVE ROBBERS FOR A LITTLE WHILE, RIGHT?

ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO HAVE THAT EGYPTIAN FORGET EVERYTHING.

LIEU-TENANT! ENEMY SIGHTED!

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THREE AMERICAN TANKS!

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COUNTER ATTACK! THE ENEMY HAS A 31 GAUGE 75MM CANNON, BUT WE HAVE A 56 GAUGE 88MM!

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AIM STRAIGHT! THEY'RE JUST TIN CANS!

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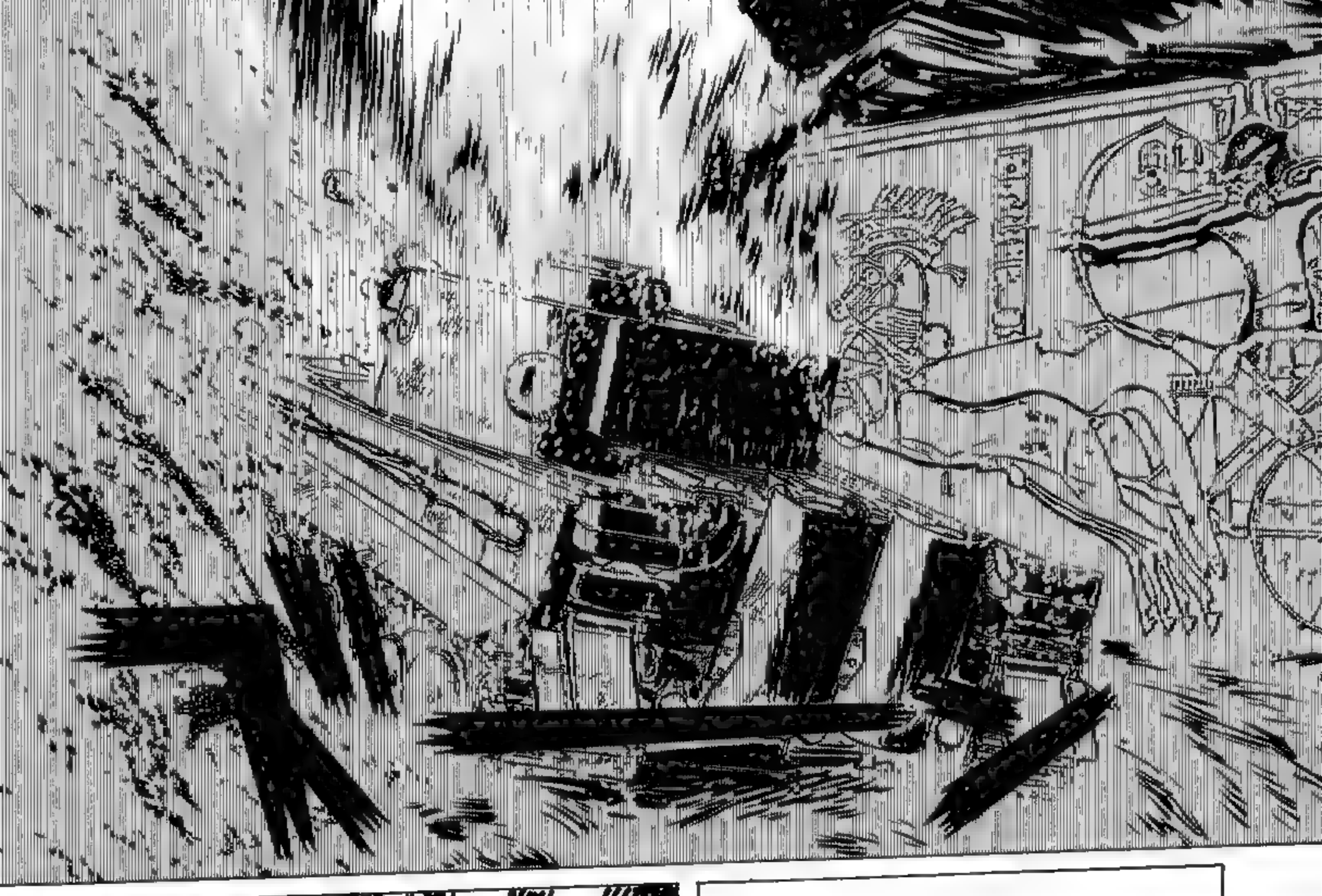

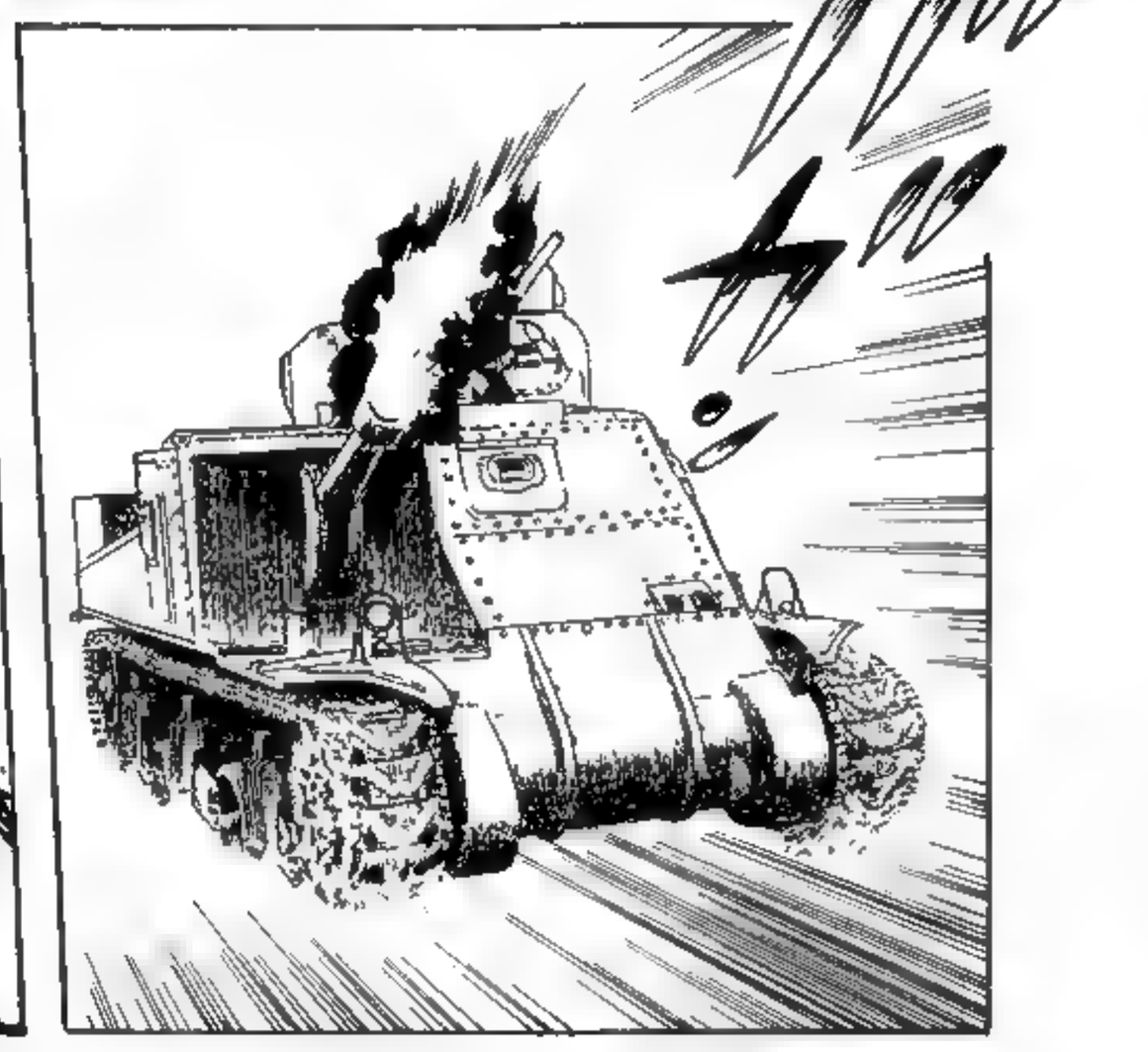

WE MUST...

THE... DIS- COVERY...

SHALOM... (HELLO. FAREWELL. PEACE.)

There is something called the Narmer Palette. It was excavated from temple ruins that were 5,000 years old, and is Egypt's oldest inscription.

On it are two beasts with long necks being controlled by humans.

These unknown animals have not appeared in any other Egyptian murals since...

Temple of El Alamein (End)

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May, 1944. German airspace.

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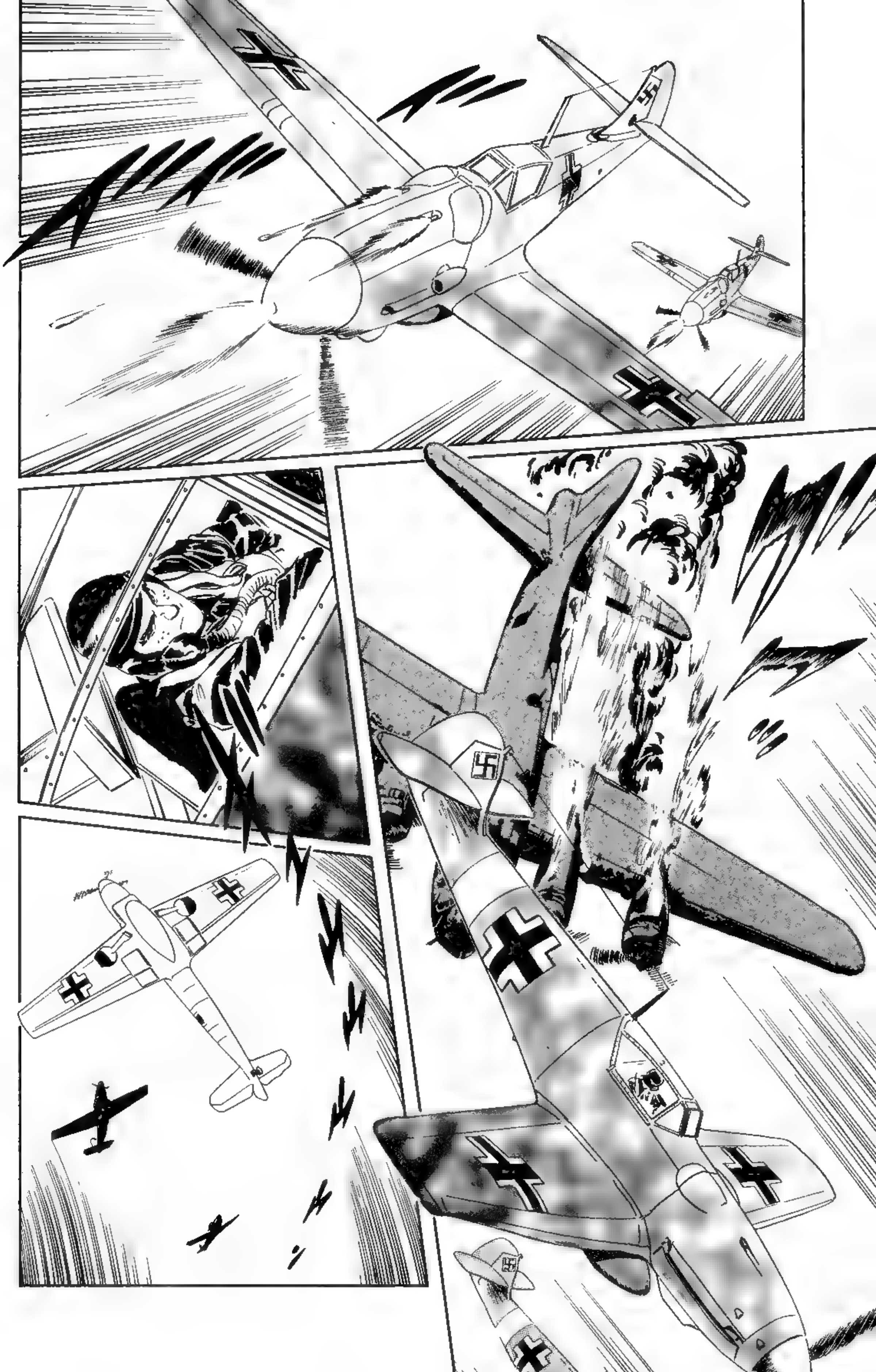
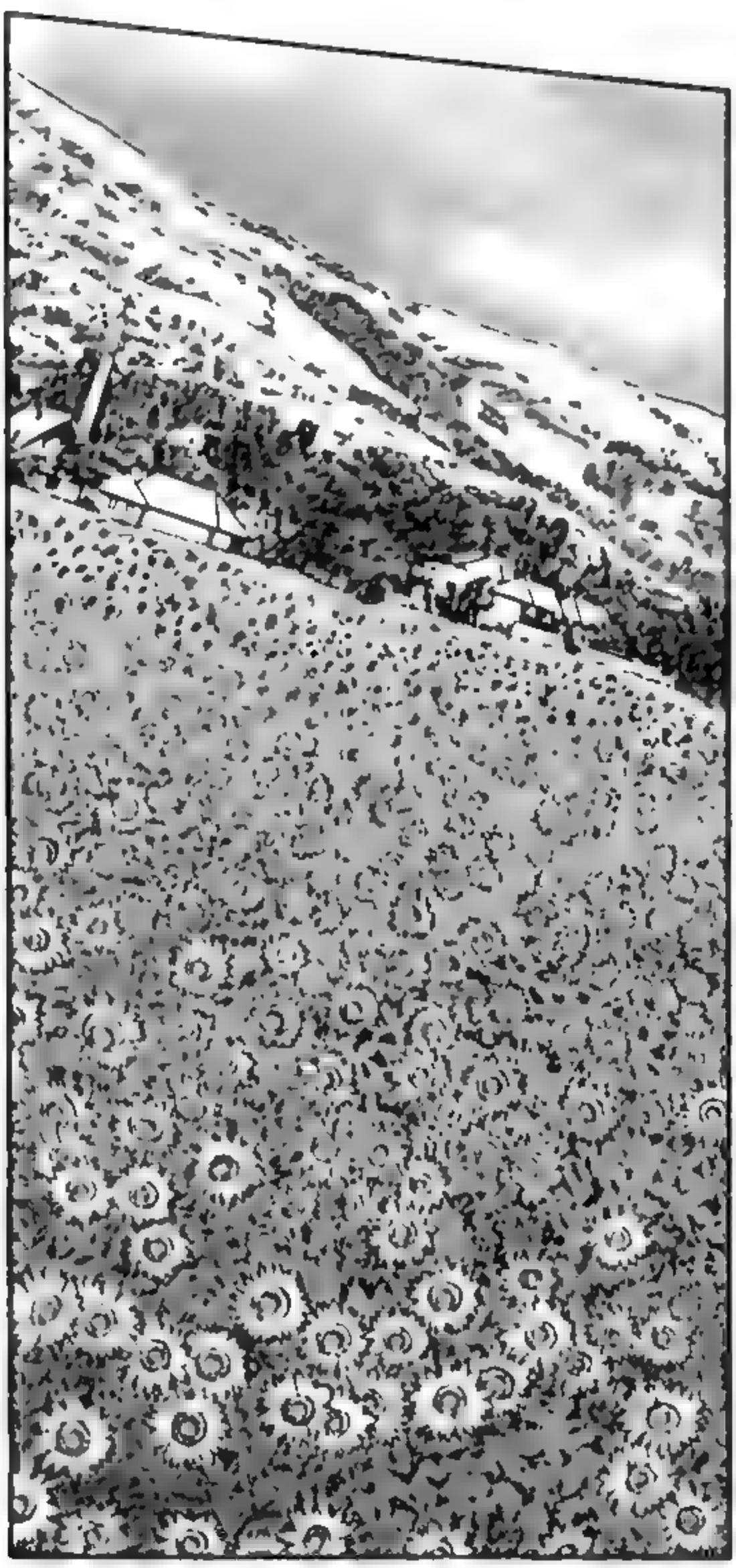


THEY'LL TURN AROUND AND COME AT US! DON'T BREAK FORMATION! DROP ALL YOUR BOMBS ON THE BASTARDS!!

GUH...



I SEE YOU'VE STILL GOT THOSE ANTIQUE CANNONS OUT.

THAT WAS IN FATHER'S WILL. WELCOME HOME, ALFRED.

FEELS NICE TO BE BACK. PLAYING IN THIS CASTLE AS A KID WAS THE MOST RELAXING THING.

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HANG THIS IN A HALL SOMEWHERE, PLEASE.

MUST BE THE BLOOD OF THE REINEFARTHS, WE'RE A FAMILY OF KNIGHTS.

HARD TO BELIEVE THE BOY WHO WAS EVEN SCARED OF GOING TO CHURCH IS A SOLDIER NOW...

I TOOK OUT THREE ENEMY B-17S IN ONE NIGHT.

THEY CALL THEM THE FLYING FORTRESSES, BUT THEY WEREN'T ANYTHING SPECIAL.

I WON'T EVER GET A RITTERKREUZ, BUT THIS IS A LUFTWAFFE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

A SERVICE MEDAL? OH MY.

REICHSMARSCHALL GÖRING BOASTED THAT HE WOULDN'T ALLOW A SINGLE ENEMY AIRCRAFT INTO GERMAN AIRSPACE...

YOU ARE THE EAGLE ON THAT MEDAL, ALFRED. YOU ARE SPREADING YOUR WINGS TO DEFEND YOUR HOME.

NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF WEAPONS OUR ENEMIES MIGHT CONFRONT US WITH, WE WILL STAND AGAINST THEM WITH SOMETHING STRONGER. NEVER FEAR...

HOWEVER, GERMANY IS THE GREATEST IN THE WORLD WHEN IT COMES TO SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION.

IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT WE UNDERESTIMATED THE INDUSTRIAL MIGHT OF THE SOVIETS AND THE AMERICANS. THEY ARE CERTAINLY NOT MAJOR POWERS THAT CAN ONLY MASS PRODUCE INFERIOR WEAPONS.

I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU.

WHAT? WHY NOT!

BROTHER!

MARIA!

WOW! YOU GOT SO MANY CANS OF BEEF!?

HAH-HAH-HAH. I STOLE SOME CANNED GOODS FROM THE ARMY AND BROUGHT THEM HERE.

I'M HELPING OUT AT A DAYCARE FOR THE VILLAGE CHILDREN. THERE'S LOTS OF MOMS WHO HAVE TO WORK BECAUSE THEIR HUSBANDS ARE ON THE FRONT LINES... I GOT US SOME POTATOES.

I DON'T THINK THE BOMBERS WILL COME THIS FAR BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING FOR FACTORIES, BUT I WANT YOU TWO TO BE CAREFUL.

THE ENEMY ATTACKS ALMOST EVERY NIGHT.

DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO GO BACK? YOU JUST GOT HERE...

HUFF

GERMANY SHALL CONQUER ALL OF EUROPE AND ESTABLISH AN IRON DEFENSE!

IF THE GERMAN PEOPLE ASK YOU WHEN THE ALLIES WILL ATTACK, ANSWER THEM LIKE SO. LET THEM COME WHENEVER THEY WANT!

WE HAVE AUTHORITY OVER THE SHORES OF FRANCE WITH OUR MASS OF SHORE BATTERIES. THE SIEGFRIED LINE PREVENTS OUR ENEMY'S ADVANCE INLAND!

WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR MAGNIFICENT EUROPEAN FORTRESS!!

SIEG HEIL!

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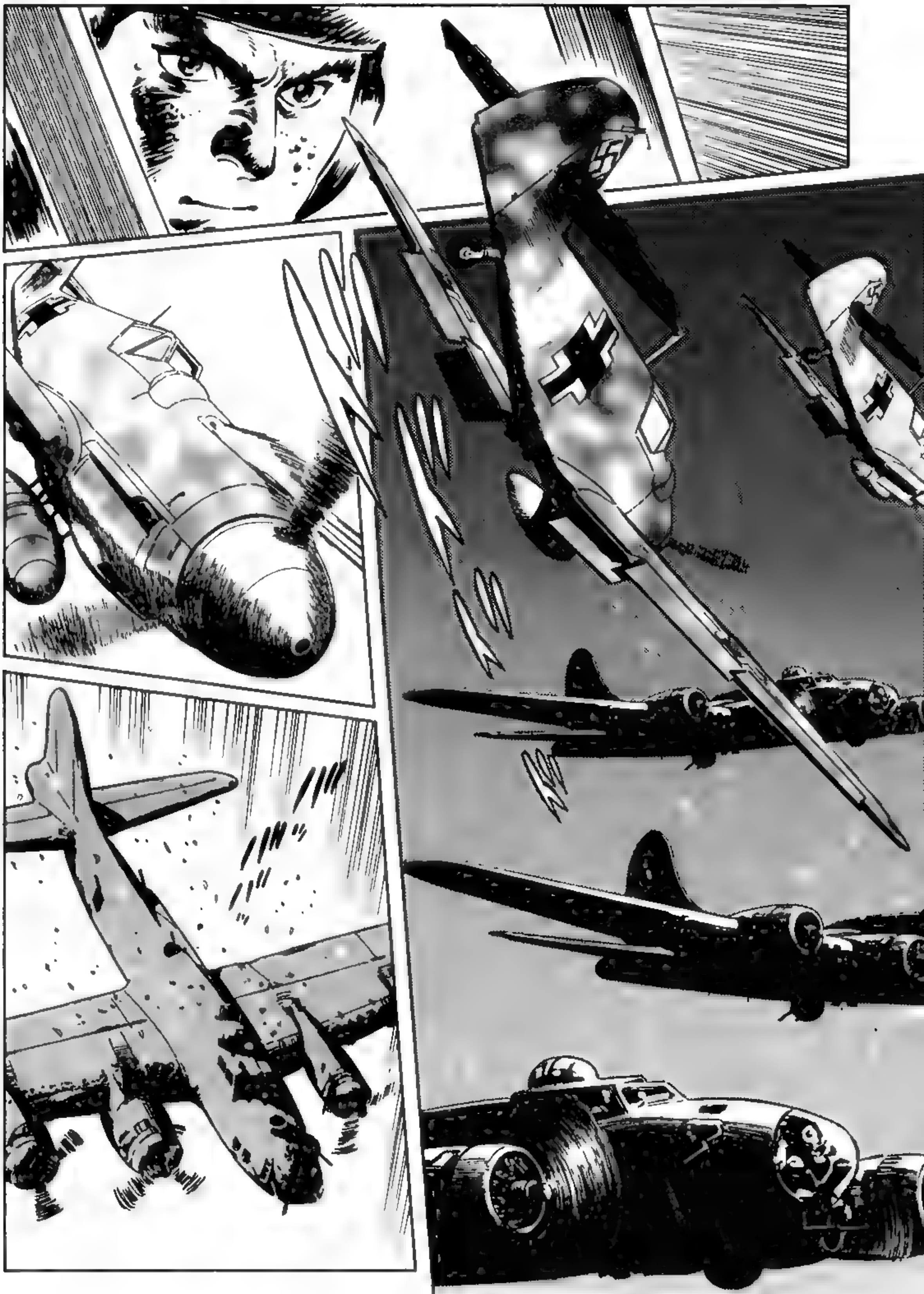

LIEUTENANT REINEFARTH! THERE'S A P-51 ON YOUR TAIL!

O... DAMN! I'M HEADING BACK TO BASE!

THE ENEMY'S LATEST ESCORT FIGHTER P-51S ARE FASTER AND BETTER EQUIPPED THAN THE MESSERSCH-MITT!

WE NEED A FASTER, MORE POWERFUL INTERCEPT FIGHTER IMMEDIATELY!

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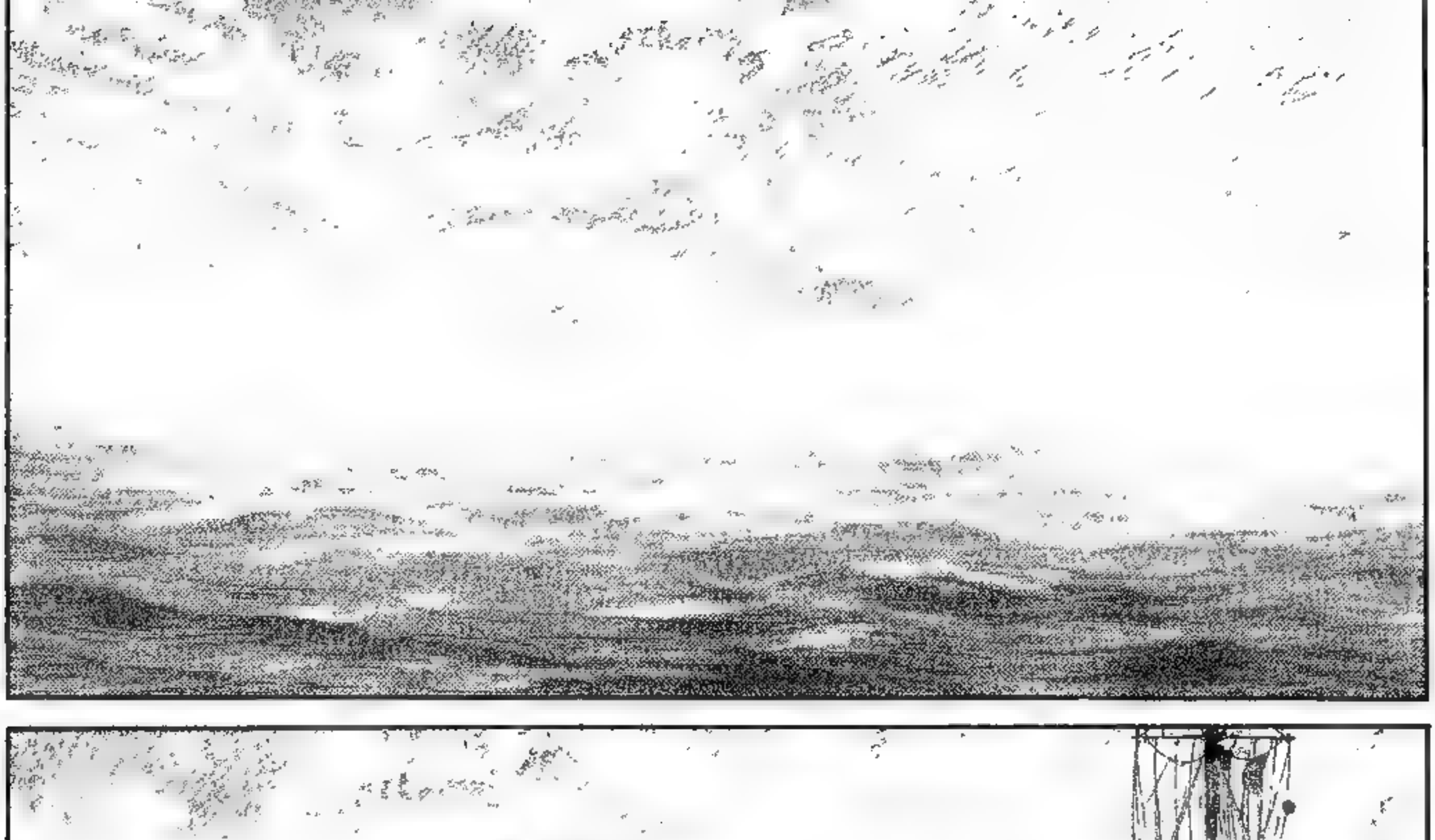
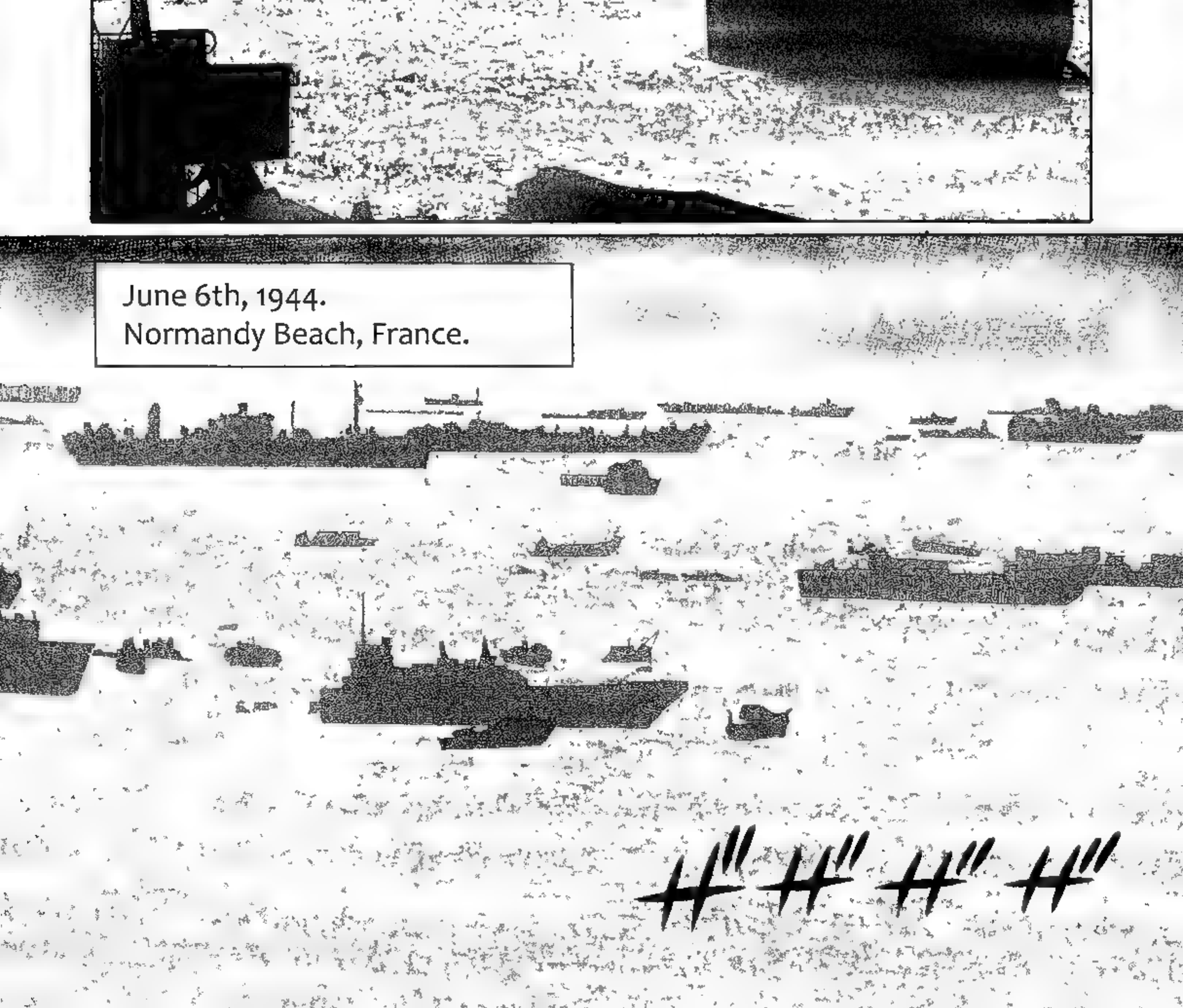
IF WE CAN'T GET THE ME-262S...

I WILL PASS ALONG YOUR REQUEST, LIEUTENANT. THE TOP BRASS MIGHT RETHINK THEIR DECISION BASED ON HOW THE WAR IS GOING.

TELL THEM TO DEPLOY MORE P-51S!



June 6th, 1944.
Normandy Beach, France.



OUR ORDERS WERE SIMPLY TO JOIN UP WITH THE TROOPS STATIONED IN FRANCE AS EMERGENCY REINFORCE-MENTS, BUT IT'S MORE SERIOUS THAN THAT!

BUT LIEUTENANT, THERE'S A WATERTIGHT DEFENSIVE LINE AT CALAIS BEACH...

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THERE'S A TANK BRIGADE HEADED THERE IN A HURRY TOO... IT'LL BE THE WEAKEST BEACH IF THEY OUTWIT US...!!

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TH...
THEY'RE GOING TO BREAK INTO THE EUROPEAN FORTRESS AT THIS REMOTE BEACH IN NORMANDY...
IMPOSSIBLE...!!

DON'T PUSH YOUR LUCK!!

SHIT!

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ME-262, SCHWALBE... THE ONLY JET POWERED FIGHTERS IN THE WORLD. THE ALLIES WILL KNOW IMMEDIATELY THAT THESE ARE THE FASTEST AND STRONGEST FIGHTERS IN THE SKY FROM THE SCHWALBE NAME. LIKE A SWALLOW.

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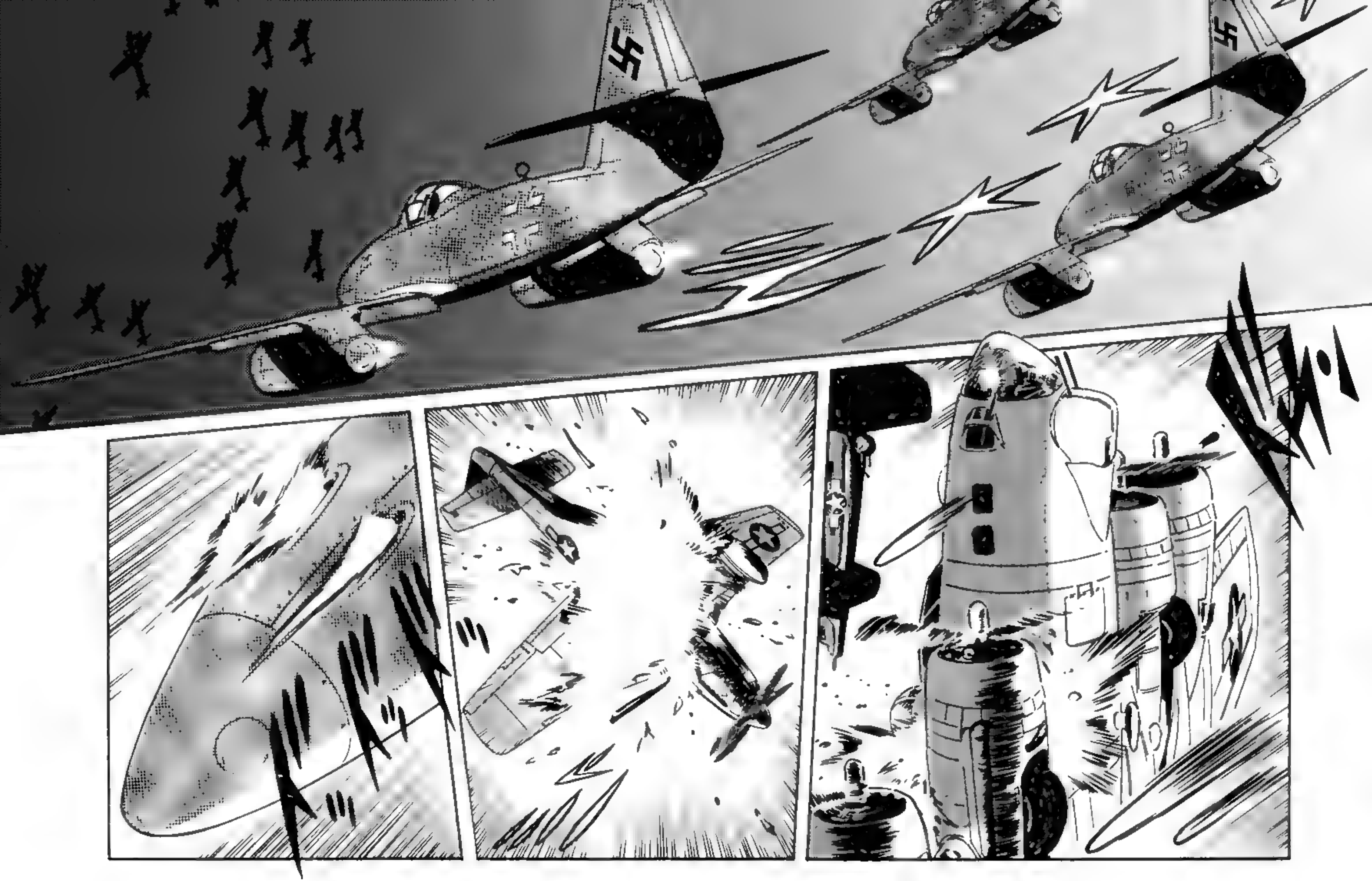


WITH 500 OF THESE ME-262S, WE COULD TAKE OUT ANY FLEET!

WE TOOK OUT TEN B-17S IN ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES, LIEUTENANT REINEFARTH!

WHAT?

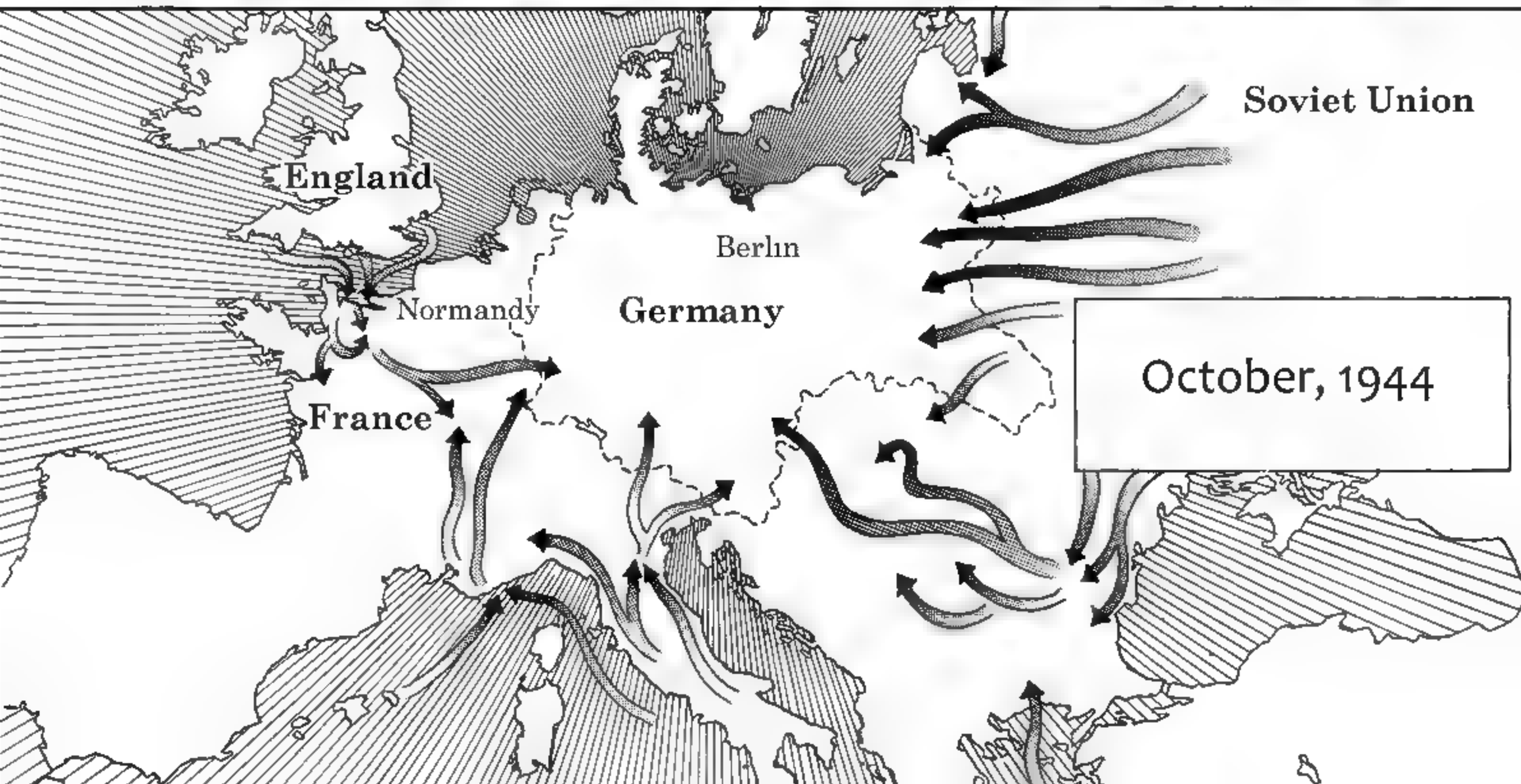
WE JUST GOT WORD FROM THE POLICE IN DESSAU... YOUR FAMILY'S CASTLE... IT... IT WAS BOMBED...

LIEU-TENANT...

A BOMBER THAT GOT TAGGED DROPPED IT IN A HURRY BEFORE FLYING OFF... WHAT A PITY.

ENOUGH! DON'T SAY ANYMORE!

YOUR SISTER WAS SAVED, BUT HER BURNS WERE SEVERE...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October, 1944

GERMANY'S FULL OF HOLES. WHERE SHOULD WE BOMB NOW?

THERE'S AN UNDAMAGED AIRPLANE FACTORY AT 8 O'CLOCK ACCORDING TO OUR "SUPER FORTRESS" HERE.

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ALRIGHT. ALL PLANES TURN TO 8 O'CLOCK...

MUST BE NICE BEING FAR AWAY FROM ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS. TRY HAVING TO DEAL WITH GERMAN FIGHTERS FOR ONCE LIKE WE DO!

KA-FOOM!

THE... THE CAPTAIN'S FIGHTER WAS TAKEN OUT IN ONE HIT! DID HE GET TAGGED BY AA*!?

*Anti-Aircraft

JETS! THE ME-262S! LOOK AT THE NOSE... WHAT IS THAT!?

WE HAVE PROTOTYPE 50MM BK5 CANNONS INSTALLED. GIVE 'EM A LOAD OF 50MM TO CHEW ON!!

THEY'RE... THEY'RE TOO FAST! WE CAN'T KEEP UP!!

WHAT ARE YOU ESCORT FIGHTERS DOING!? SHOOT THEM!

DROP ALL BOMBS, DOESN'T MATTER WHERE! WE'RE EVACUATING BACK TO BASE!!

YOU WON'T GET AWAY! STANDARD ME-262S ARE PLENTY FOR YOU OLD-FASHIONED FIGHTERS!

THERE ARE ENEMY FIGHTERS ABOVE US. IS IT A FLEET OF P-51S!?

TELL ME WHERE! SOMEONE COME WITH ME!

I'M GETTING SOMETHING ON THE RADAR... IT'S A SINGLE SHIP, BUT IT'S MUCH LARGER THAN A B-17!!

LARGER THAN A B-17!?

YES, SIR!

THIS IS OUR MAX ALTITUDE, LIEUTENANT. ENGINES ARE STALLING AND ABOUT TO CUT...

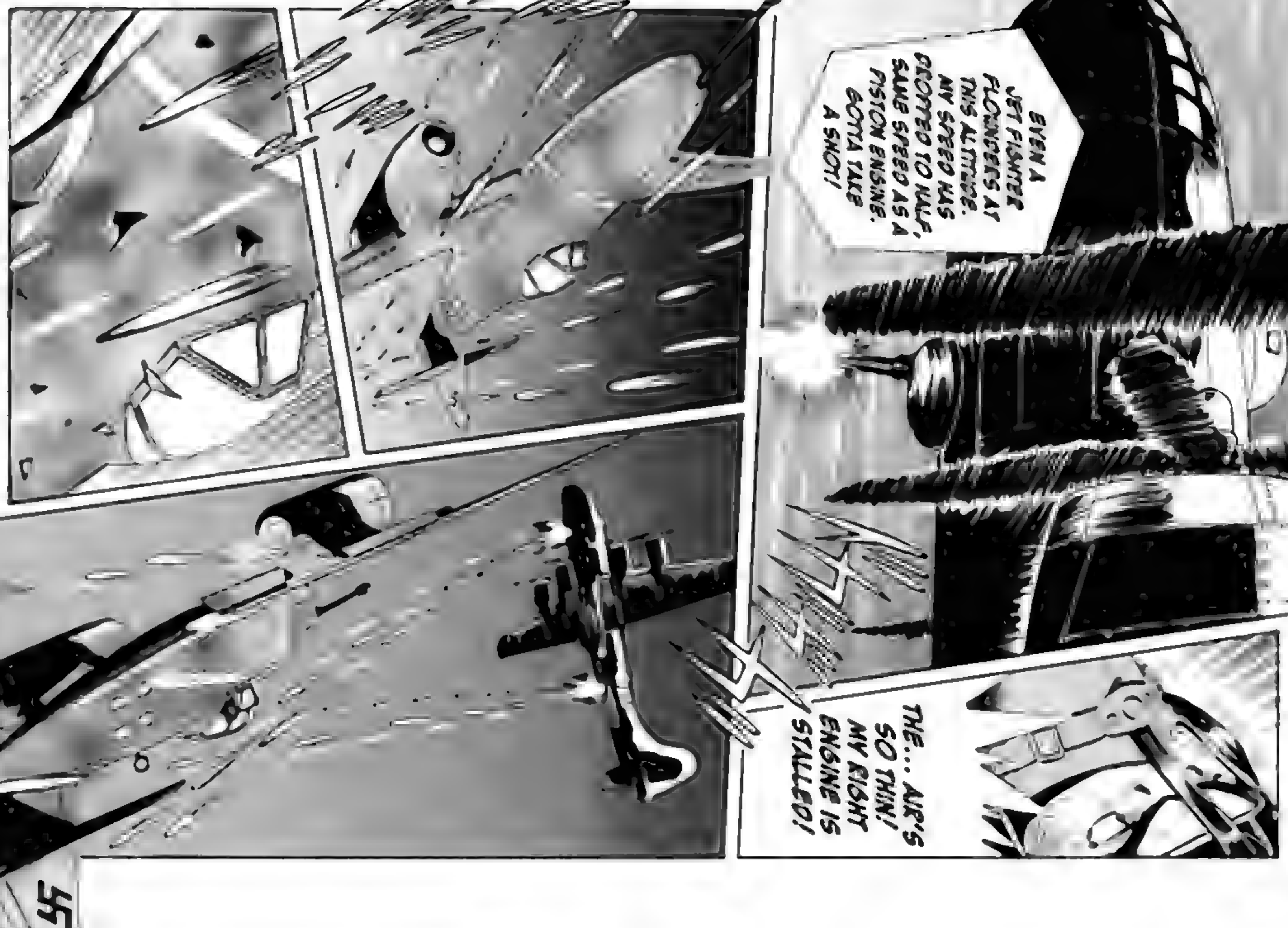
OKAY. GO BACK. I'M GOING ON ALONE!

ALTITUDE, 9000 METERS ...!?

SO THIS IS THE SUPER FORTRESS B-29...!

I'D... HEARD ABOUT THESE. THE SUC- CESSOR TO THE B-17...

THE STRATEGIC BOMBER THAT NO INTERCEPTOR CAN GET CLOSE BECAUSE IT'S SO HIGH IN THE SKY!


EVEN A JET FIGHTER FLOUNDERS AT THIS ALTITUDE. MY SPEED HAS DECREED TO HALF, SAME SPEED AS A PISTON ENGINE. GOTTA TAKE A SHOT!
THE... AIR'S SO THIN! MY RIGHT ENGINE IS STALLED!
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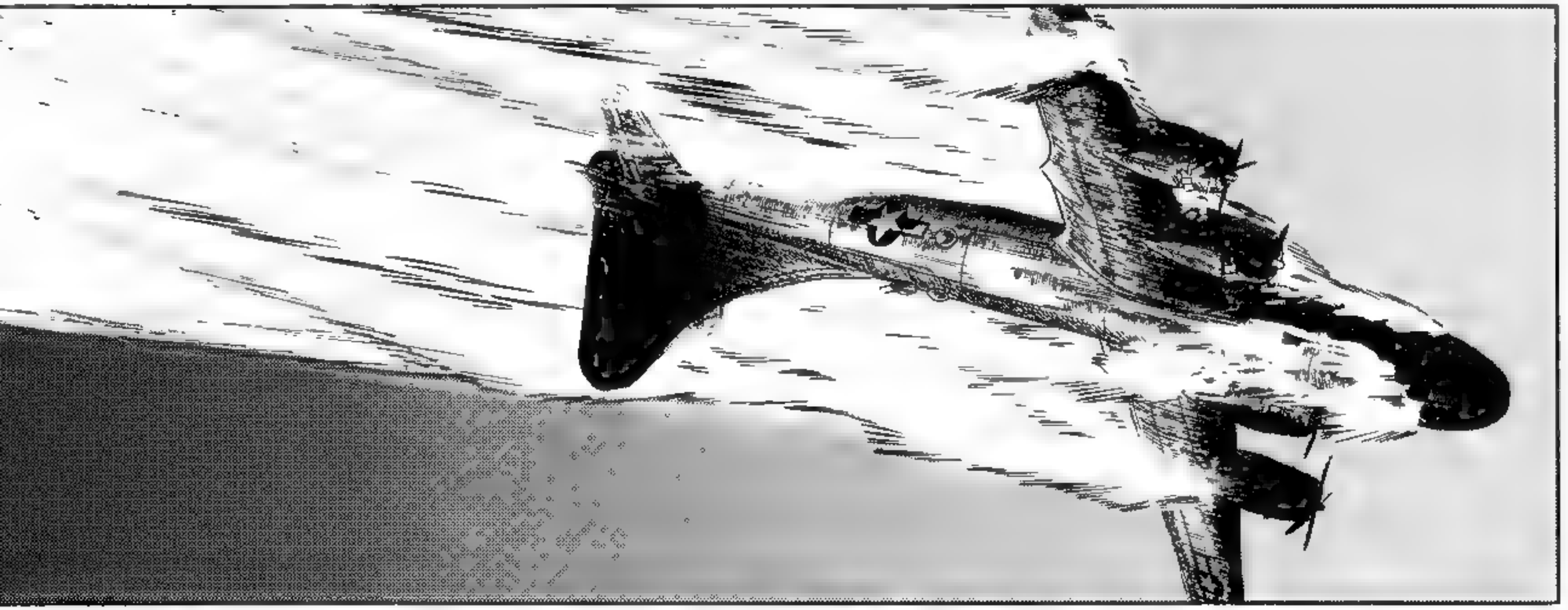
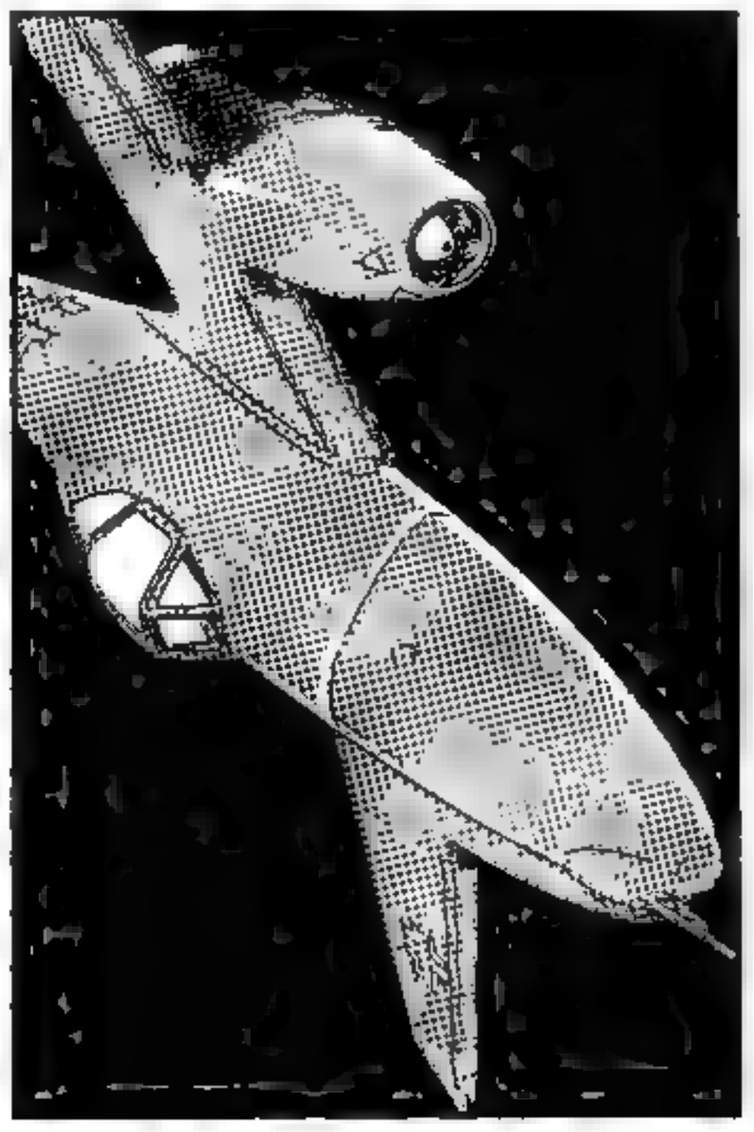
IF YOU ARE A SUPER FORTRESS, THEN I AM A FIGHTER THAT WILL PROTECT THE GERMAN FORTRESS!!





There are no records of the jet fighters and strategic bombers that would carry the future after the war having ever fought in the skies of 1944.

The super fortress B-29s that menaced Japan with aerial bombings and routed its defensive fighters was never put into combat on the European front. It is said that they were merely used for reconnaissance missions.

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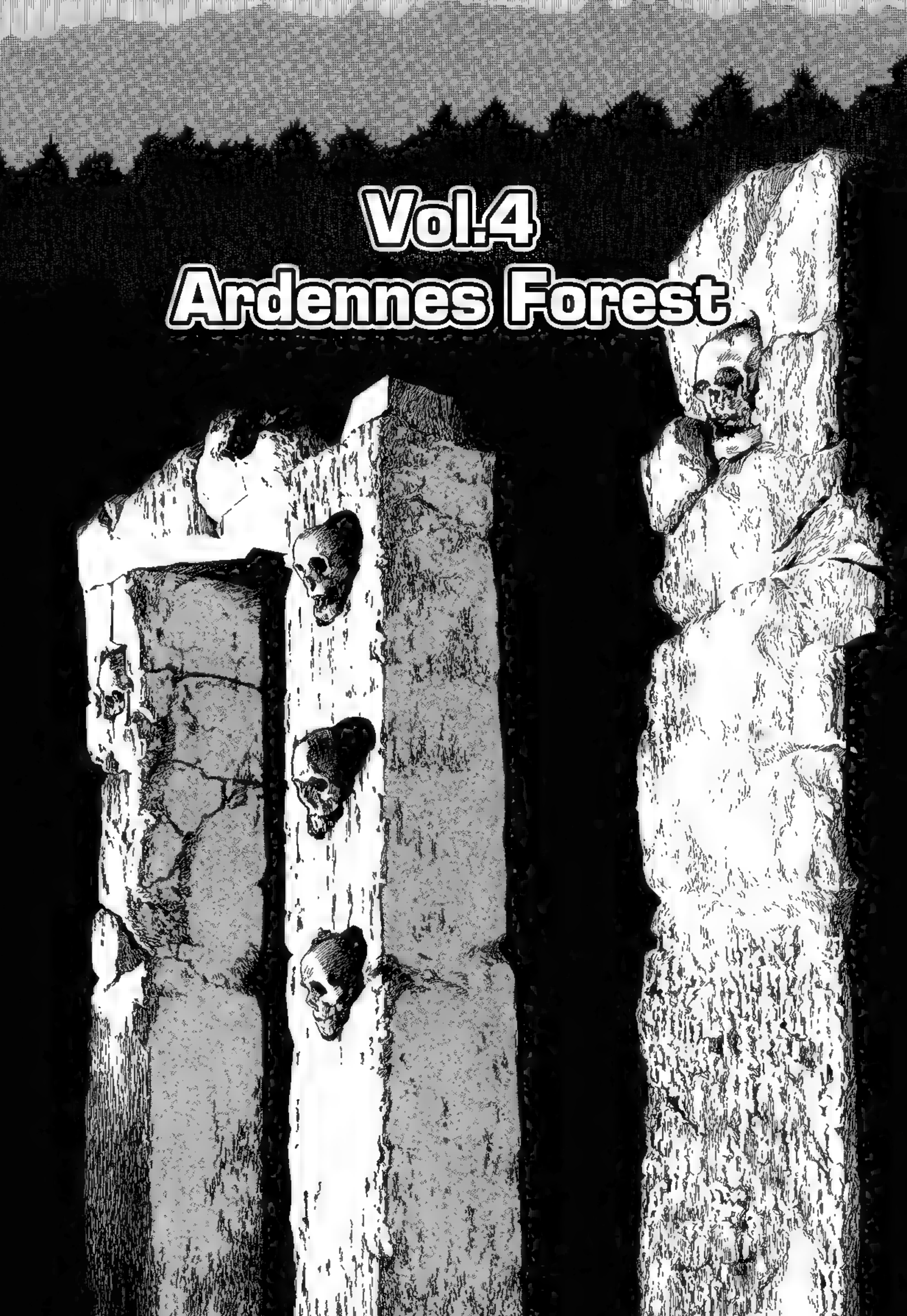
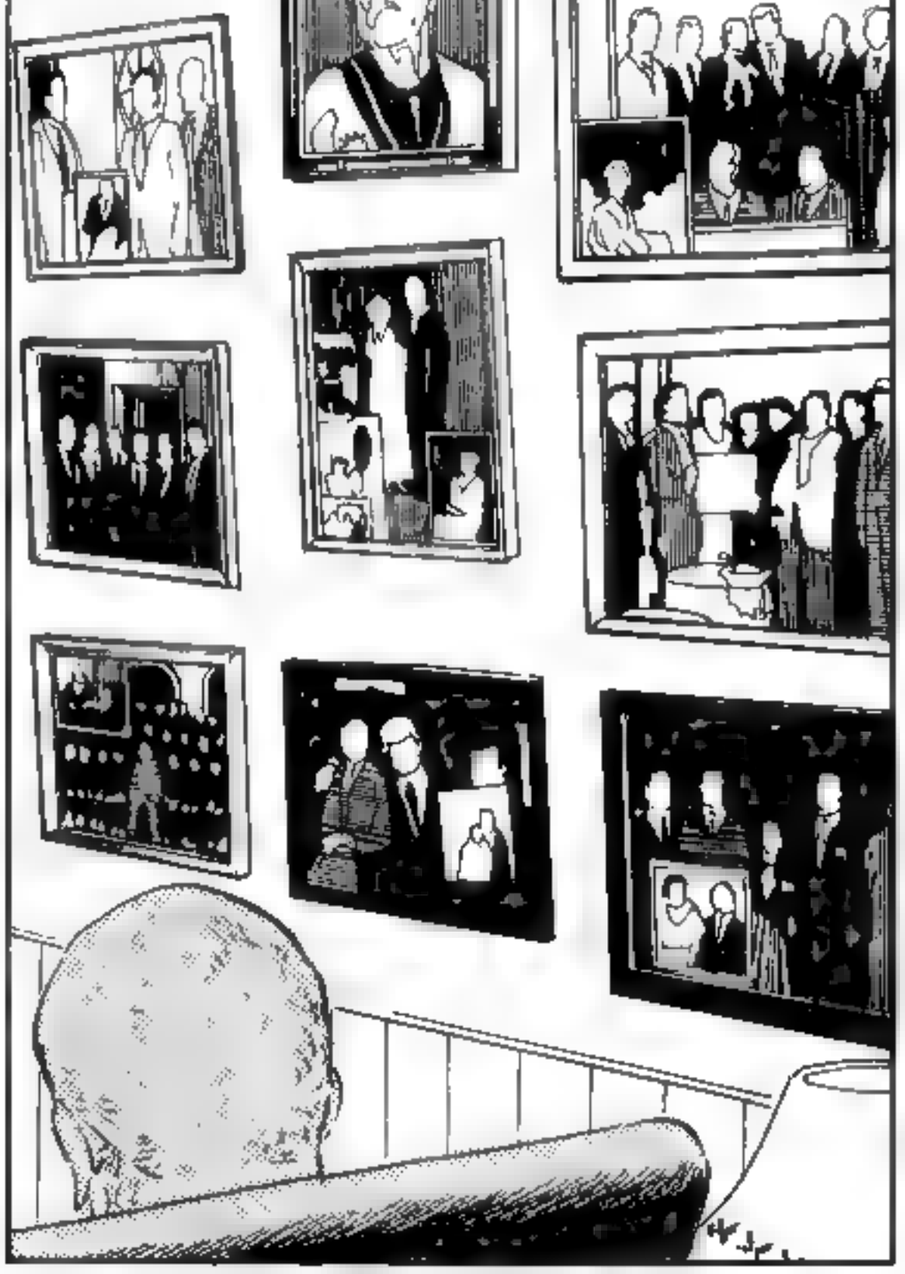


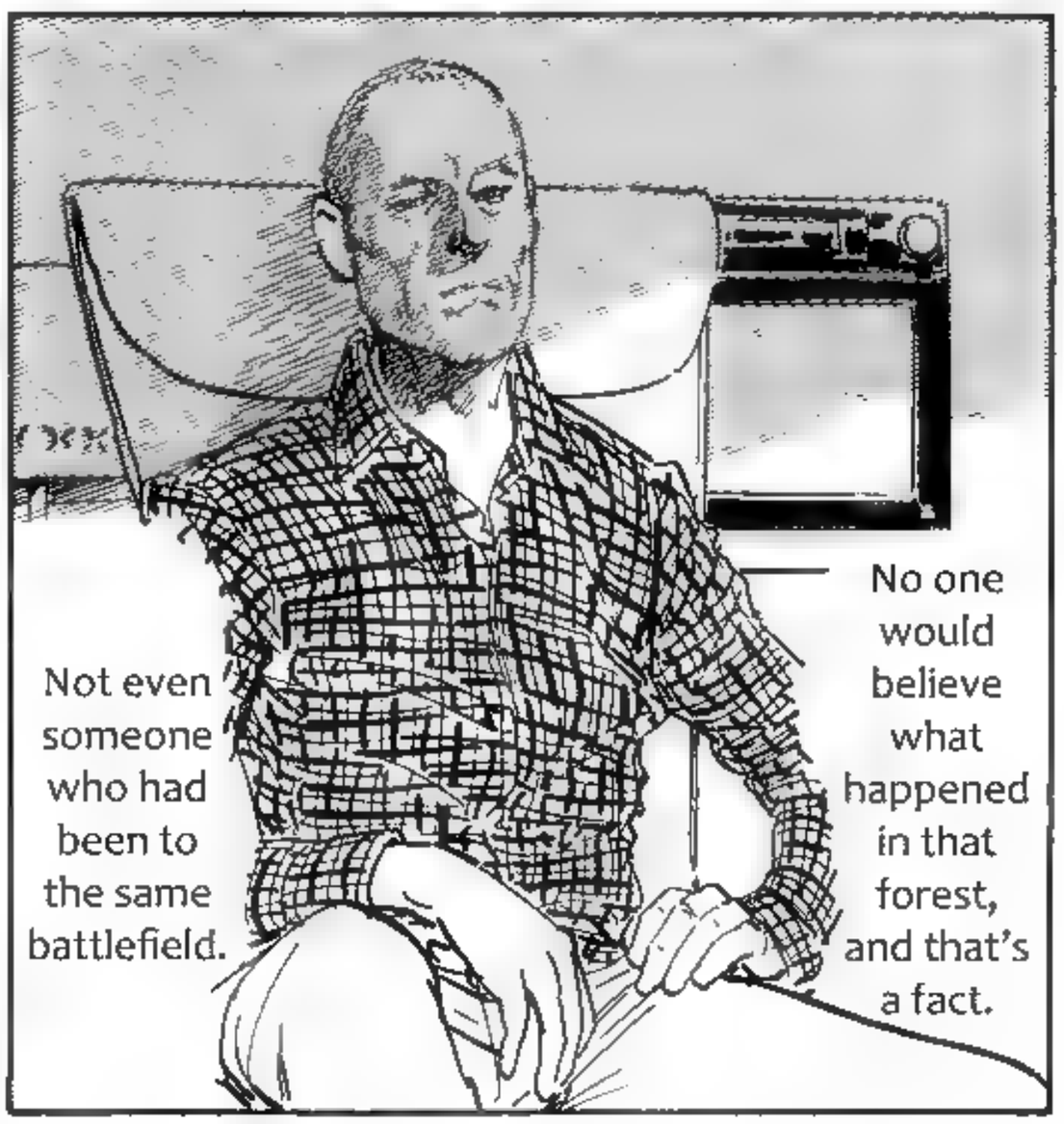
But, I still don't have a speck of bravery to tell anyone about it.

It's been fifty years since I returned home from the European battlefront... And my nightmarish memories are finally starting to fade.



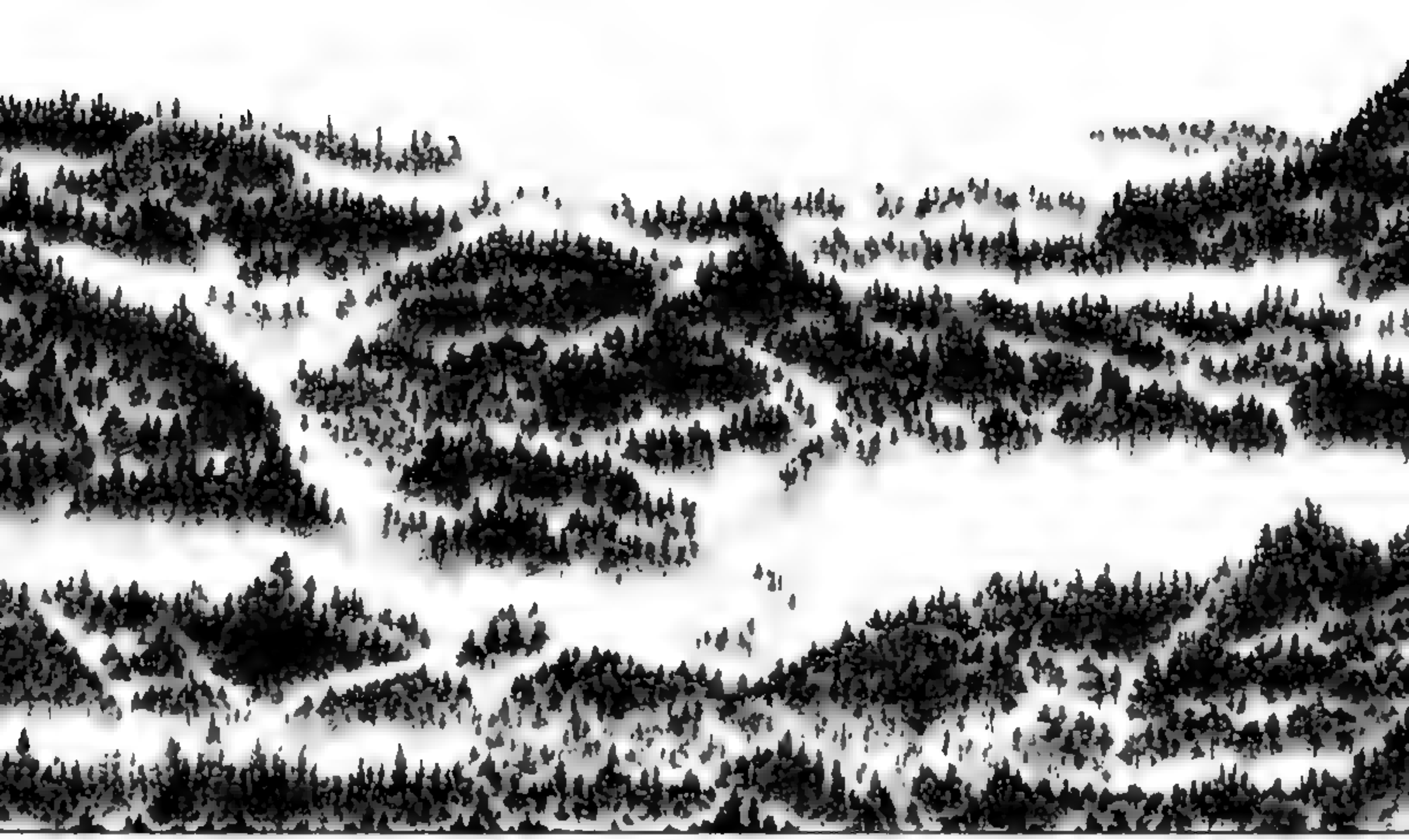
New Orleans is a good city. Old-fashioned living still exists here.

What happened in that forest...



Not even someone who had been to the same battlefield.

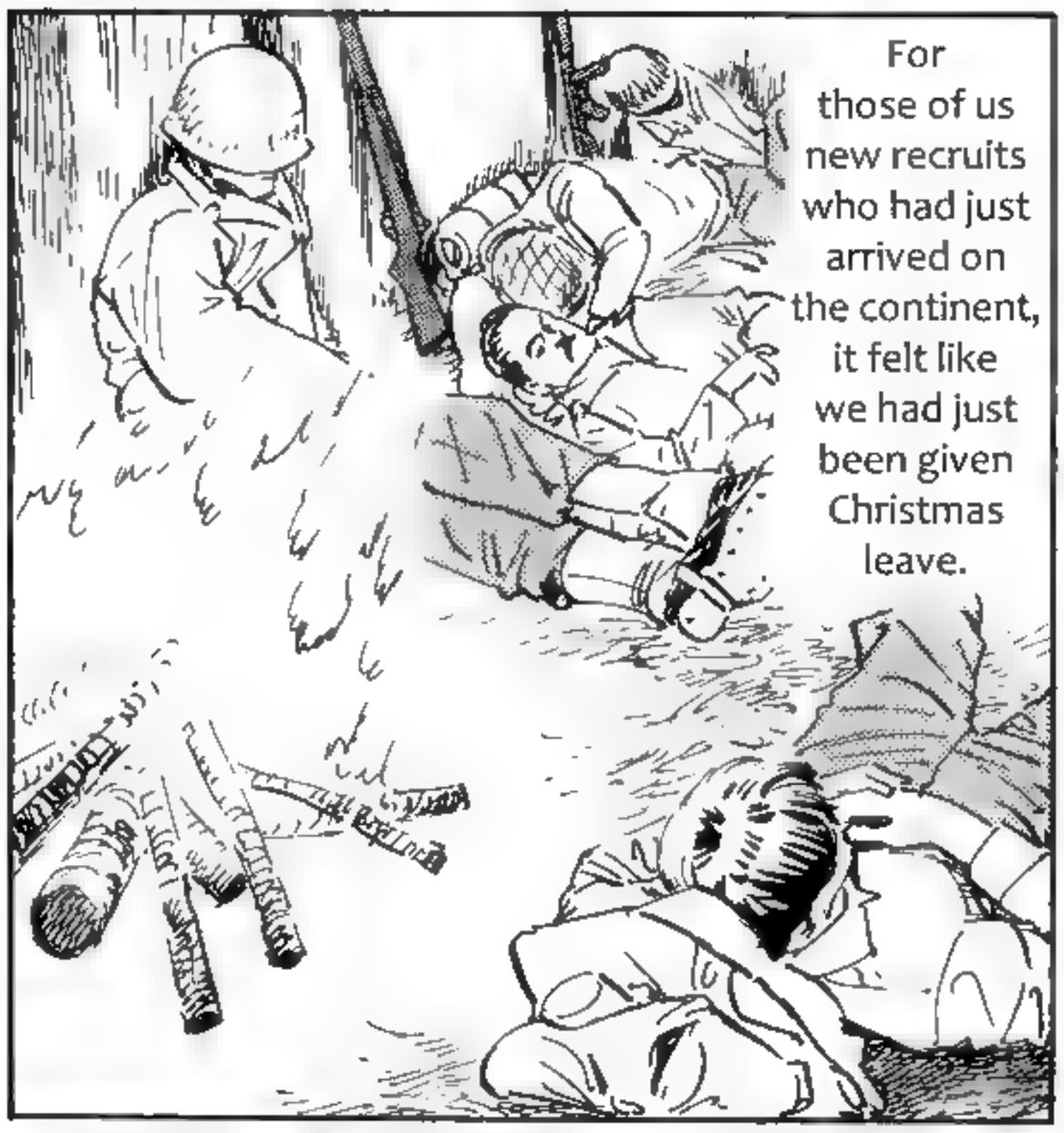
No one would believe what happened in that forest, and that's a fact.



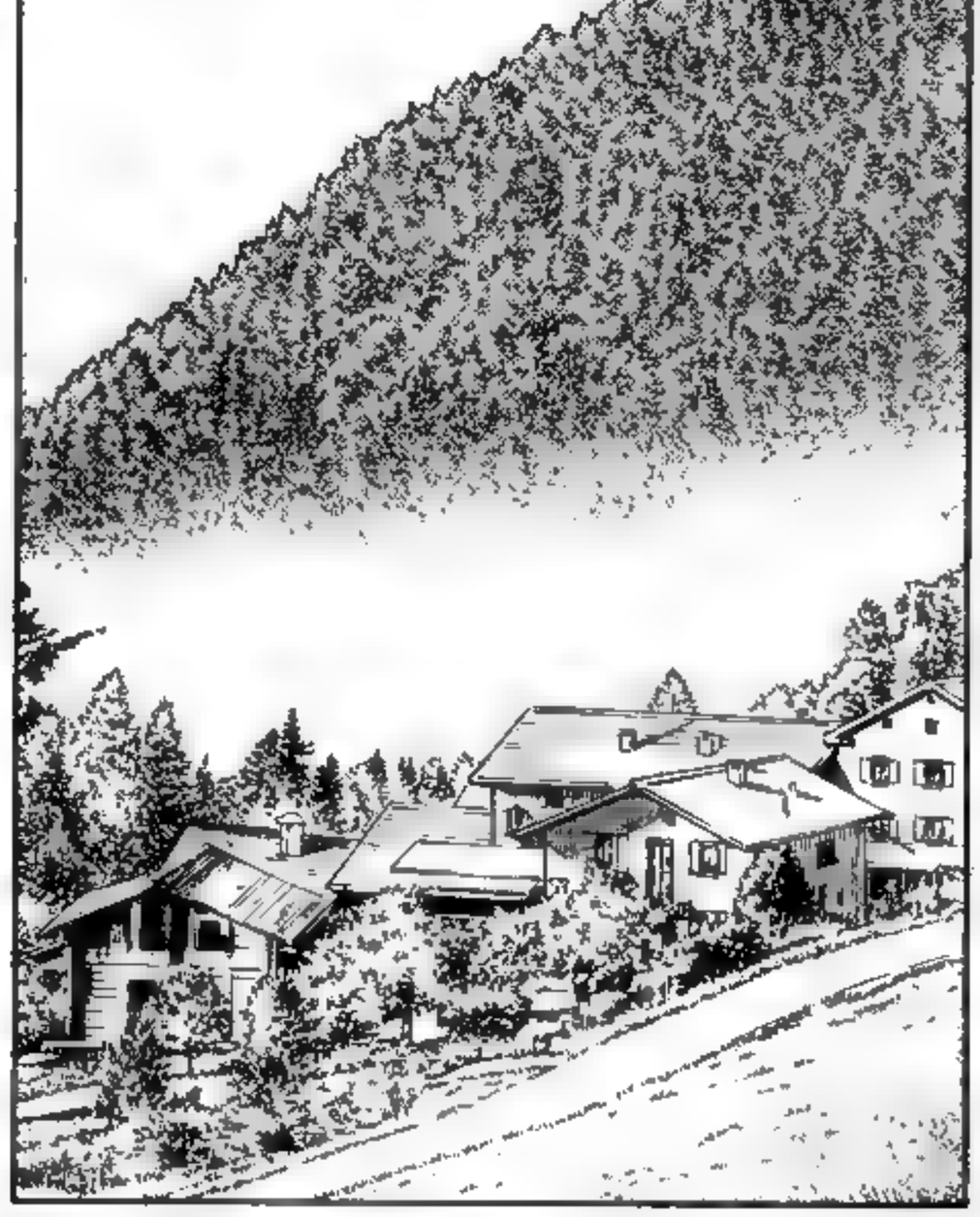
A deep, dark forest that holds traces of the massive forests that covered ancient Europe...

December, 1944. Ardennes Forest...

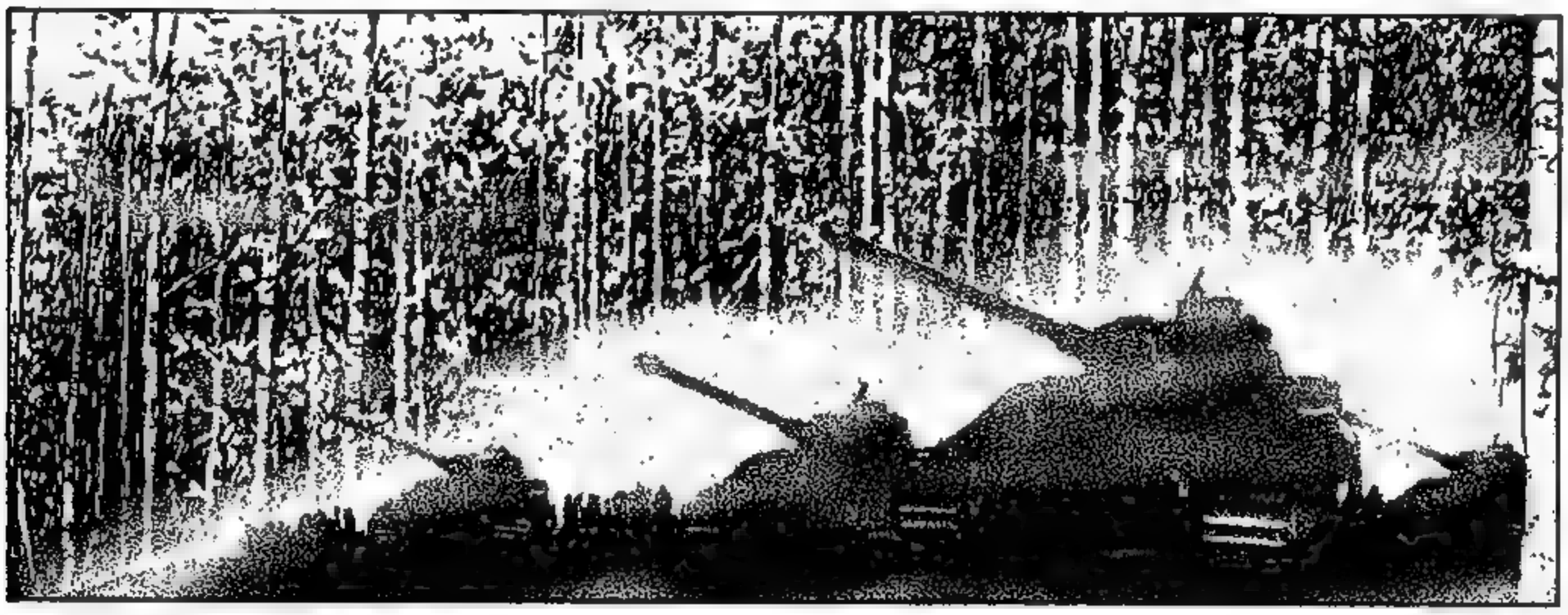
The Allied army that landed on Normandy half a year ago advanced swiftly to the border, pressuring the Germans with their massive military force, and finally earned themselves a small rest.



For those of us new recruits who had just arrived on the continent, it felt like we had just been given Christmas leave.



The Ardennes forest region that touches France, Belgium, and Germany was a quiet, quiet battlefront without the sound of a single gunshot.



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WAKE UP,
WILLY!
ENEMY
ATTACK!!

Hitler's last gamble in the face of defeat, the Ardennes offensive.

250,000 soldiers from Germany's main force drove a wedge into the Allies' weakest point here in this forest region.

We were thoroughly routed and confused, as we had believed that the German army didn't have the manpower or fuel to launch such an offensive...

My war buddy Willy and I wandered the forest for three days, lost.

We were both nineteen, this was our first war, and we had no idea what to do with our unit scattered...

WELL YEAH, BUT WE'RE SO DEEP IN THE FOREST...

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE GERMANS SEE THE SMOKE!?

THIS... THIS COLD IS TOUGH ON AN EMPTY STOMACH. LET'S START A FIRE SOMEWHERE, BEN.

NOPE...

BEN, CAN YOU SEE ANY-ONE...?

DON'T MOVE!

YOU LOOK LIKE AMERICANS, BUT THEM KRAUTS FIGHT DIRTY.

REAR ADMIRAL ALAN JONES!

WHO'S YOUR DIVISION COM-MANDER?

P... PRIVATE BEN COLLINS, 106TH INFANTRY AND PRIVATE WILLIAM ROSCONI!!

...

I'M FROM THE 99TH INFANTRY. CORPORAL BIGGS.

THE GERMANIC PEOPLES INVADED THROUGH THERE AS WELL. YOU KNOW THAT?

THIS WAS BACK WHEN FRANCE WAS CALLED GAEL. I HEARD THIS FROM A VILLAGE GIRL AND GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT IT.

...THEY CHARGED THROUGH THE LOSHEIM GAP.

CHRISTMAS AND HALLOWEEN ARE ACTUALLY REMNANTS OF CELT CULTURE.

EUROPE WAS A WORLD OF CELTS AND MASSIVE FORESTS SINCE BEFORE CHRISTIANITY.

IT'S GAUL, NOT GAEL. IT WAS THE COUNTRY OF THE CELTS WHO LIVED IN FRANCE.

IT IS SAID THAT THE WARRIORS LOVED BLOOD WITH A PASSION AND COLLECTED THE SKULLS OF THE ENEMIES THEY KILLED.

DRUIDS IN THESE DEEP, DARK FORESTS OFFERED UP SACRIFICES OF BLOOD TO THE GODS. IT WAS A WORLD WHERE DARK MAGICS AND SWORDS RULED OVER EVERYTHING...

BUT THE GERMANIC PEOPLES WERE VIOLENT AND STRONG, ENOUGH SO THAT THEY COULD HAVE BEEN CALLED SUPER CELTS. EVEN THE GAULS FEARED THEM...

APPARENTLY MANY GAUL VILLAGES BUILT WALLS AROUND THEM, TURNING THEM INTO *OPPIDA* TO PROTECT AGAINST THE GERMANIC INVASION.

WHY THE HELL DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT THIS...!?

W... WILLY'S A HISTORY BUFF! HE SAID HIS DAD WORKS AT A MUSEUM AND AS A KID HE'D...

I NOTICED IT BEFORE, BUT THE REMAINS OF THIS ROCK WALL MIGHT BE THE RUINS OF ONE OF THOSE WALLS...

LET'S GO! THERE SHOULD BE AN ALLIED UNIT HOLDING OUT SOMEWHERE TO THE WEST. WE'VE GOTTA JOIN WITH THEM THERE.

Y... YES SIR, CORPORAL.

...HMPH.

...

KA!!! KA-1

A PARA-TROOPER... LOOKS FROZEN SOLID.

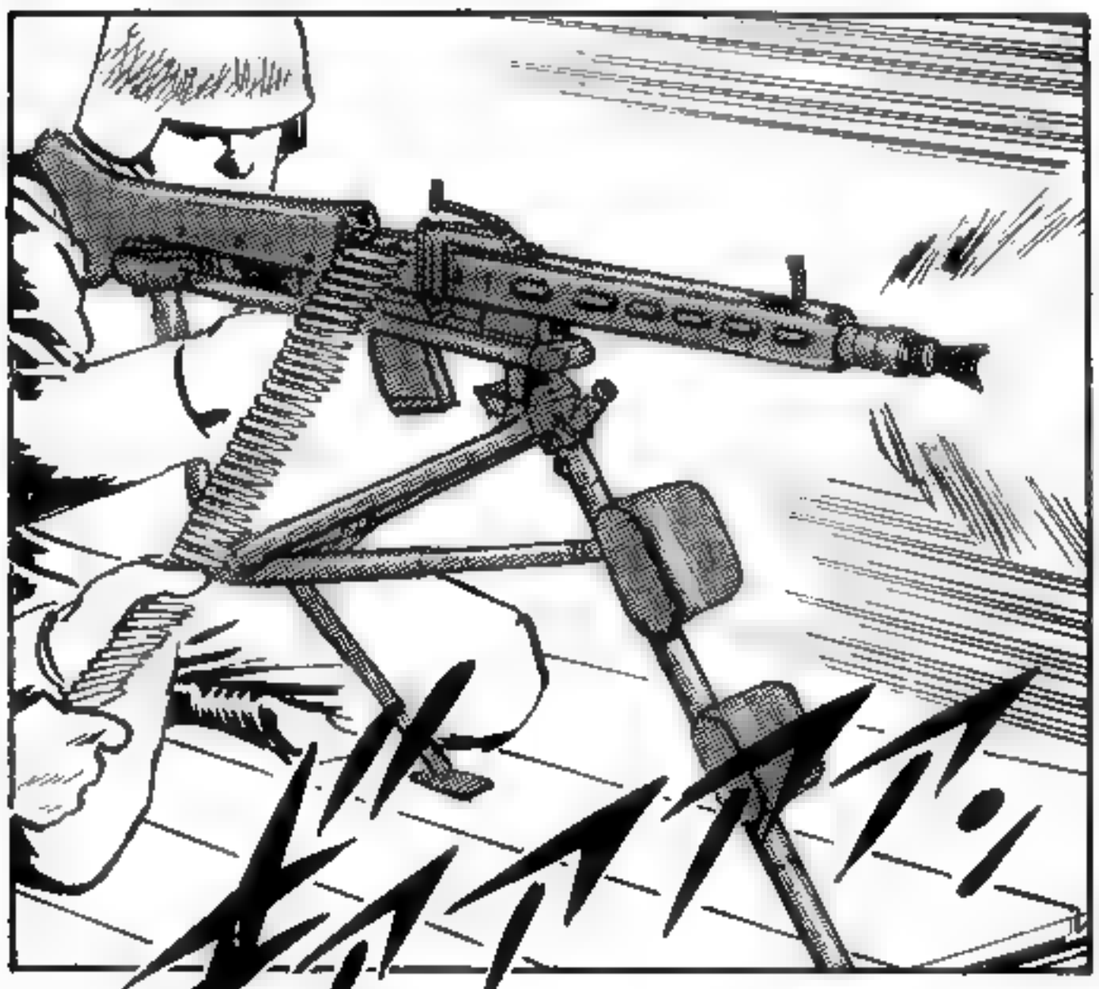
I CAN'T REST UNTIL I'VE CRACKED THEIR SKULLS.

YEP, HE'S DEAD.

!

I SAW WITH MY OWN EYES JUST WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE THESE GERMANS ARE YESTERDAY...

IT WAS NEAR A TOWN CALLED MALMEDY. I WAS HIDING IN THE FOREST WHEN A GERMAN UNIT CAME BY WITH AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR.
THERE WERE OVER A HUNDRED OF THEM...



HATE YOUR ENEMIES! THAT HATRED WILL BE YOUR POWER!

LISTEN. IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE, YOU HAVE TO DROP ALL NOTION OF BRAVERY AND RIGHTEOUSNESS. THEY CAPTURE YOU, YOU'RE DEAD.

...

THEY... THEY SHOT THE PRISONERS!? KILLING PRISONERS IS AGAINST INTERNATIONAL LAW!

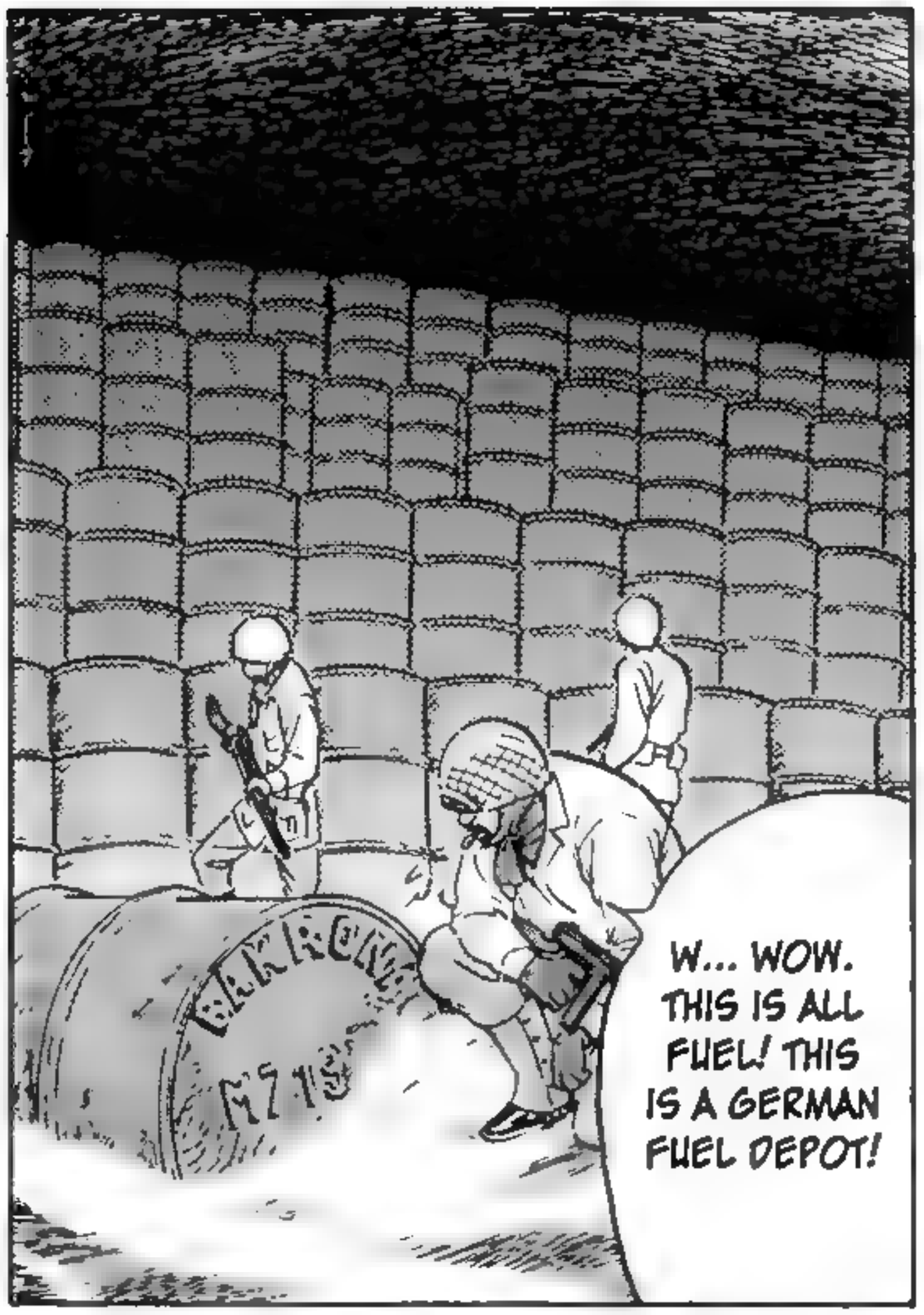
TELL THAT TO THE KRAUTS. YOU THINK THOSE MONSTERS WILL LISTEN TO YOU!?

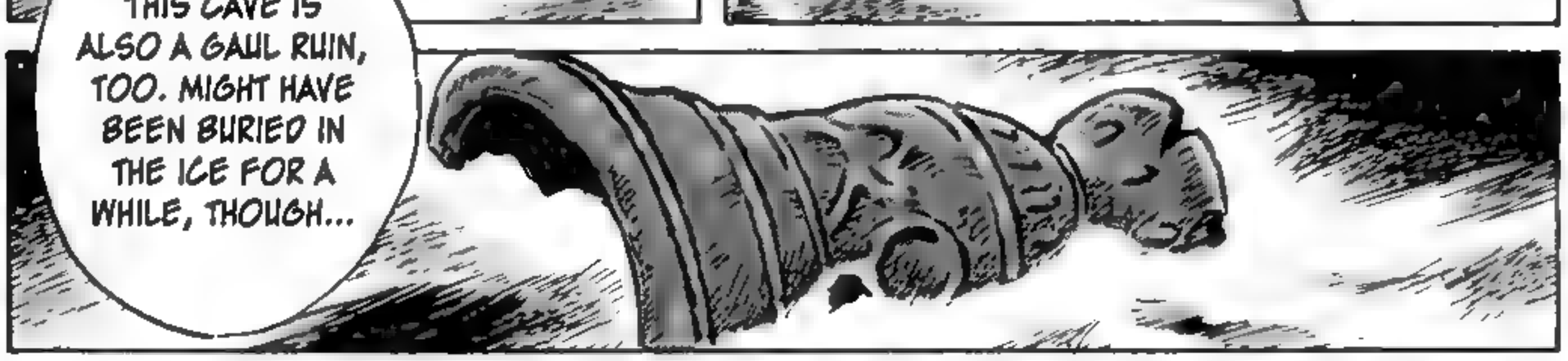
WHOA...

TCH. YOUR BUDDY MAY BE SMART, BUT HE'S CLUMSY AS HELL.

WILLY!

THIS CAVE IS ALSO A GAUL RUIN, TOO. MIGHT HAVE BEEN BURIED IN THE ICE FOR A WHILE, THOUGH...





THIS HAS TO BE A FUEL DEPOT THAT THEY SET UP WHEN THEY STILL OCCUPIED FRANCE.

BUT SINCE THE ALLIED INVASION HAD THEM RETREATING SO FAST THEY JUST LEFT IT HERE.

AKRON 1719

DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? THE GERMANS WILL COME HERE, BUT BEFORE THEY DO, WE'RE GOING TO BLOW IT ALL UP!

DAMN. THE LID IS FROZEN SHUT!

I... I SEE!

THE REASON THEY'RE ON THE OFFENSIVE NOW MUST BE TO COME AND GET THIS FUEL!

IF WE GET RID OF ALL THIS THEN THEY'LL BE STOPPED DEAD!

...NO OTHER OPTION... GIVE ME A GRENADE!

CHRIST! IT'S NOT MOVING AT ALL!

URGH!!

WILLY ...?

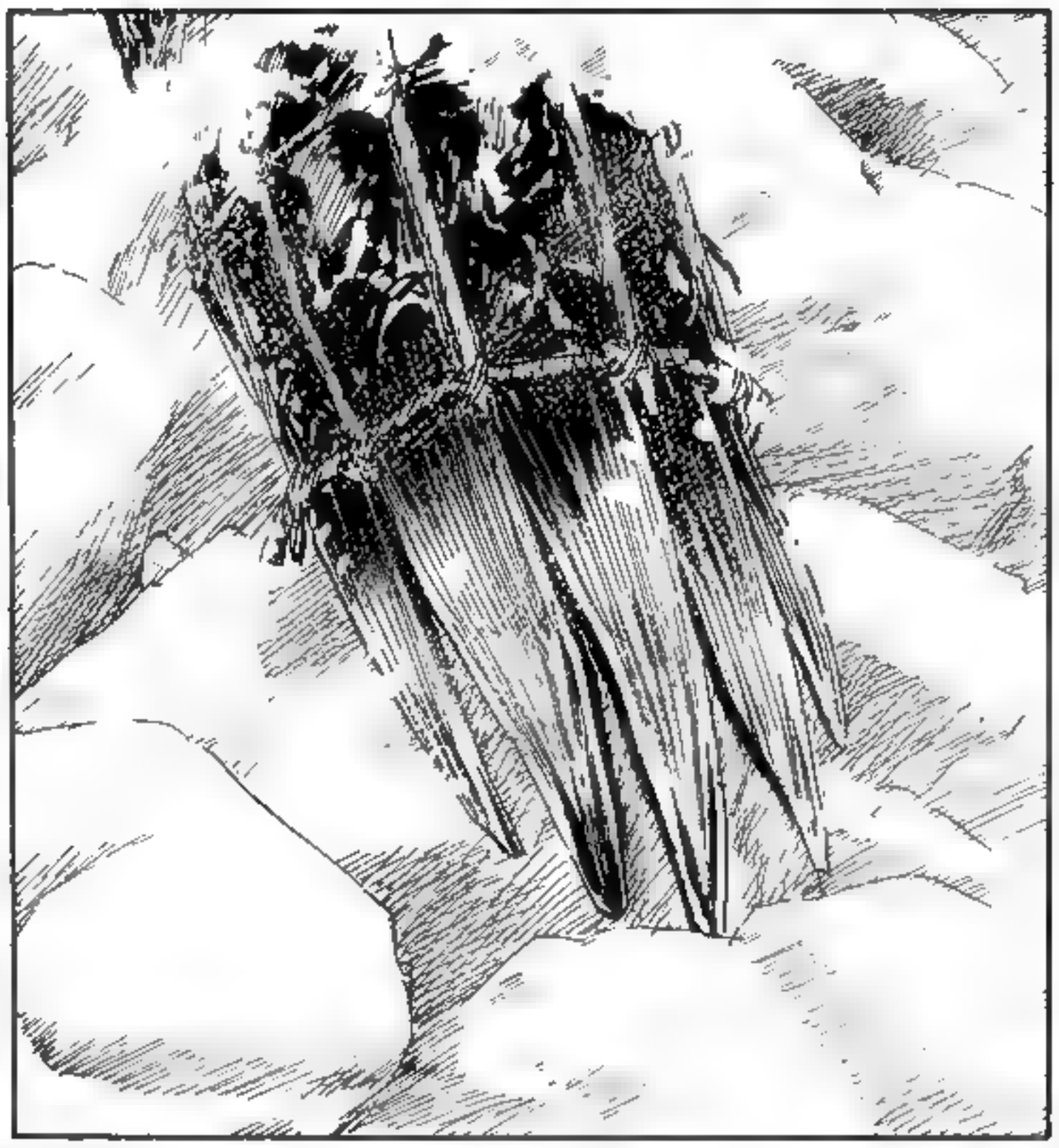
...

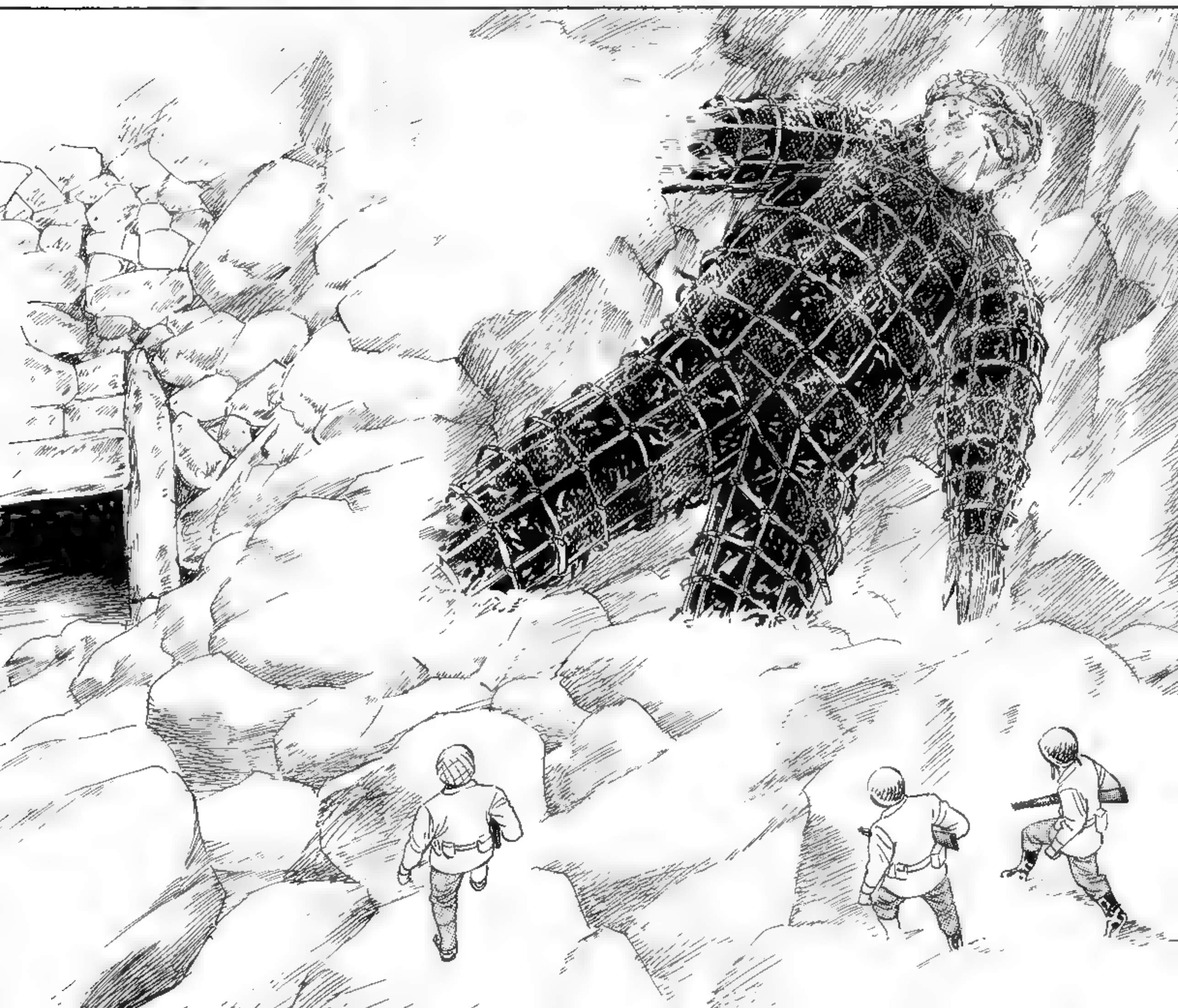
OKAY, WE THROW THEM ALL AT ONCE. GOTTA THROW AS HARD AS YOU CAN, OTHERWISE THEY WON'T MAKE IT IN!

TAKE THAT!

SH ...SHIT. WE JUST BUSTED UP THE ICE...!

AH...!?





WH...
WHAT IS
THAT...!?

CORPSES
...!!

A
WICKER
MAN!?

IT'S...
IT'S A WICKER
MAN FROM THE
CELT ERA...!!

THE BONES IN THE CAVE SHOWED SIGNS OF BATTLE TRAUMA...

THE INVADING GERMANS MIGHT HAVE ATTACKED A GAUL VILLAGE AND THEN KILLED THEM ALL.

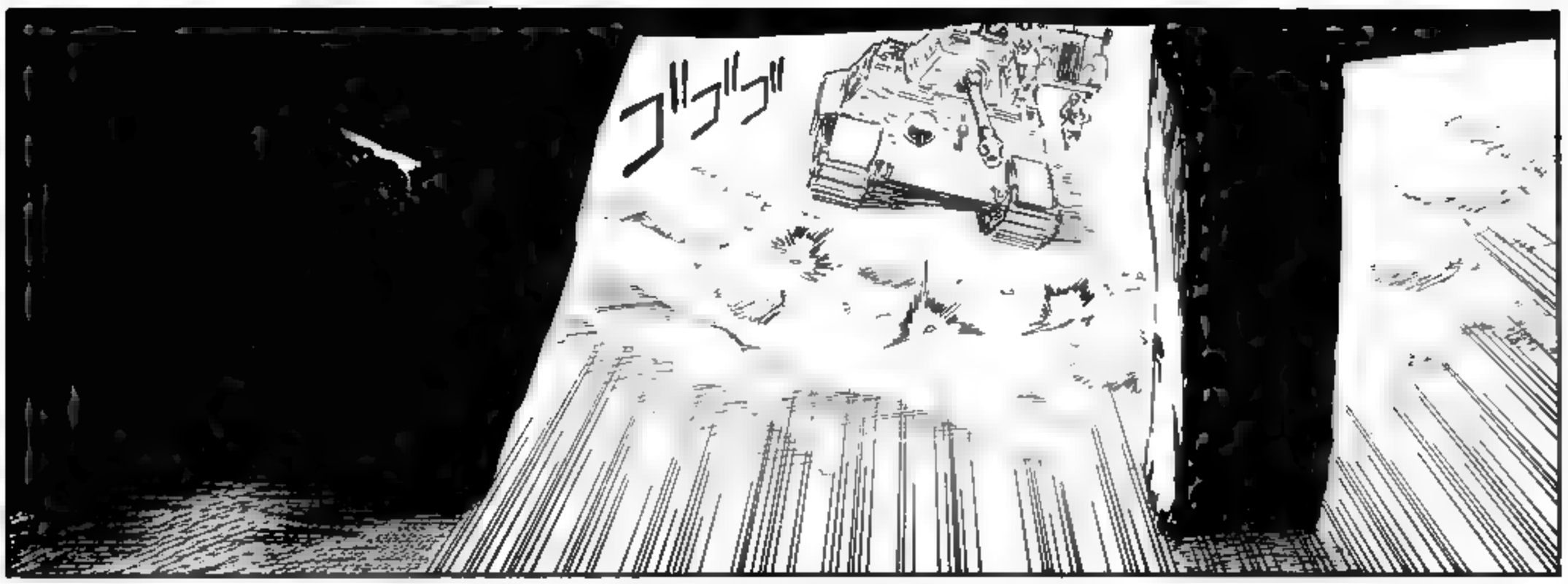
THOSE TAKEN PRISONER WERE PUT IN THERE ALIVE...!

THEY SHOVED SACRIFICES INTO A GIANT CAGE AND THEN BURNED THEM ALL... CAESAR AND STRABO WROTE ABOUT IT!

WILLY!

SHIT!
SHIT!!

HIDE,
BEN!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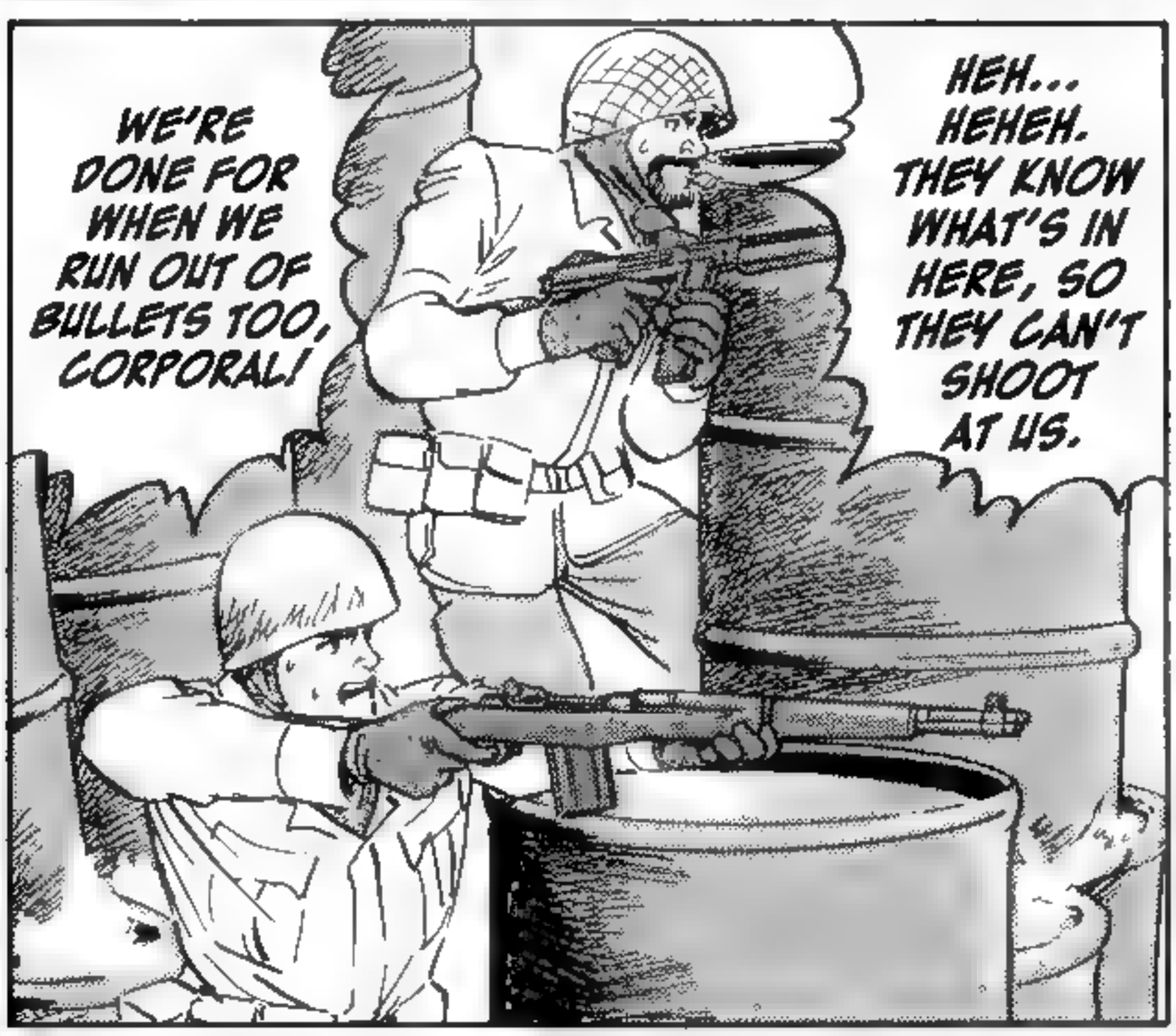
WE'RE DONE FOR WHEN WE RUN OUT OF BULLETS TOO, CORPORAL!
HEH... HEHEH. THEY KNOW WHAT'S IN HERE, SO THEY CAN'T SHOOT AT US.

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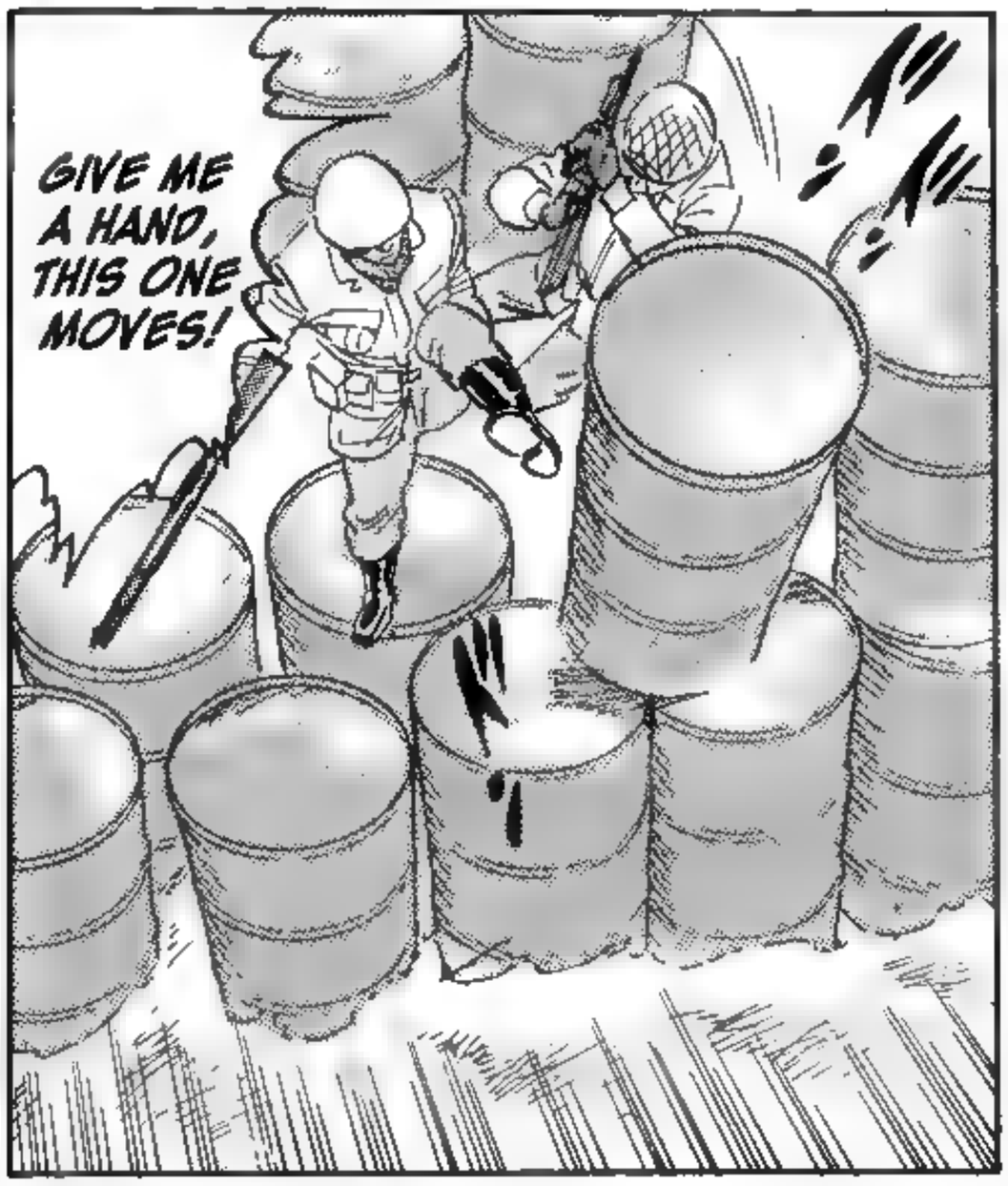
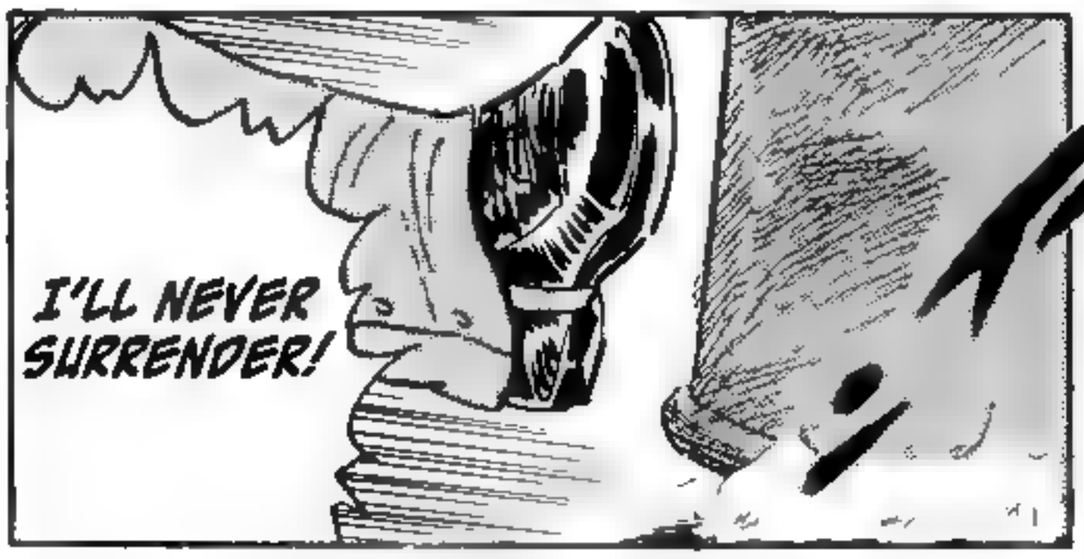

GIVE ME A HAND, THIS ONE MOVES!


I'LL NEVER SURRENDER!

クソッ..

HOOO
WHAT

NOW! RUN!

It's extremely difficult to remember clearly... exactly what happened then...

My eyes could only see. My ears could only hear...!

WAAAH!

GYAHHH!

¡HHHHA!

WAHHH!

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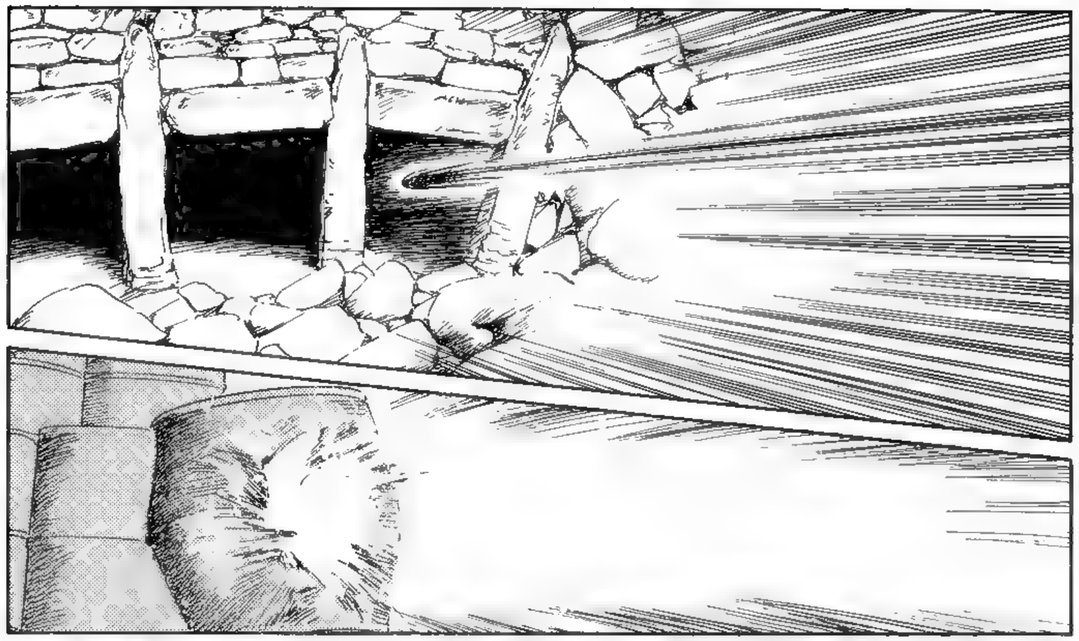
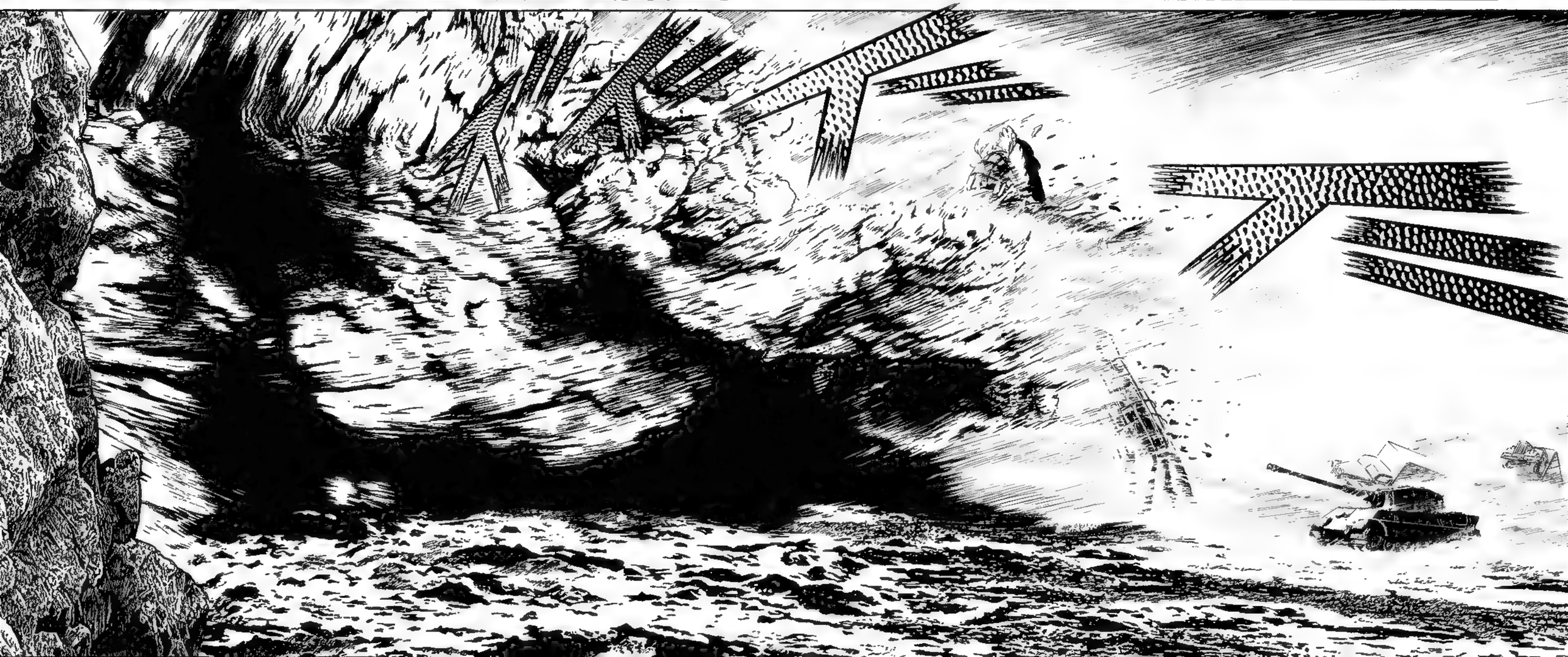
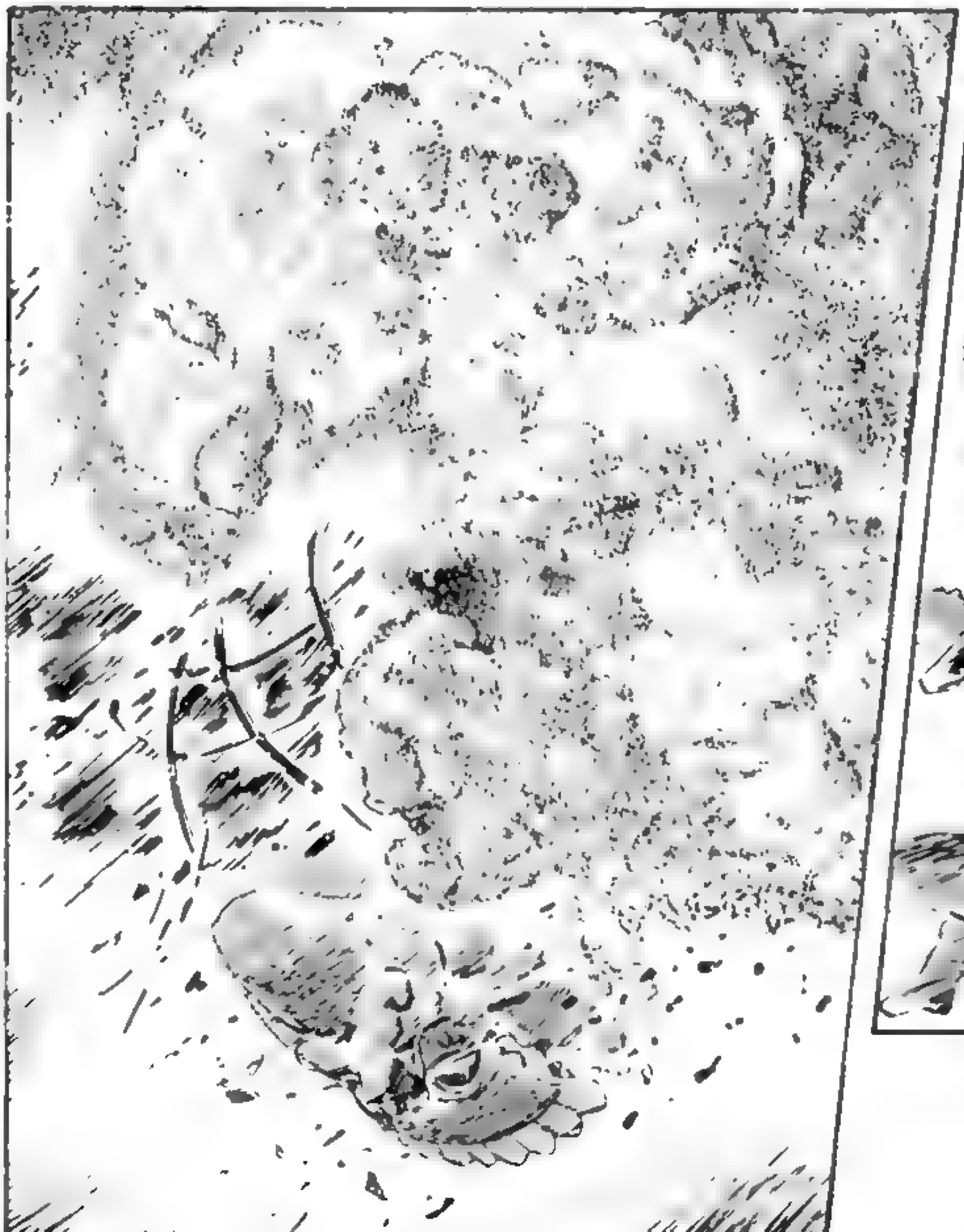
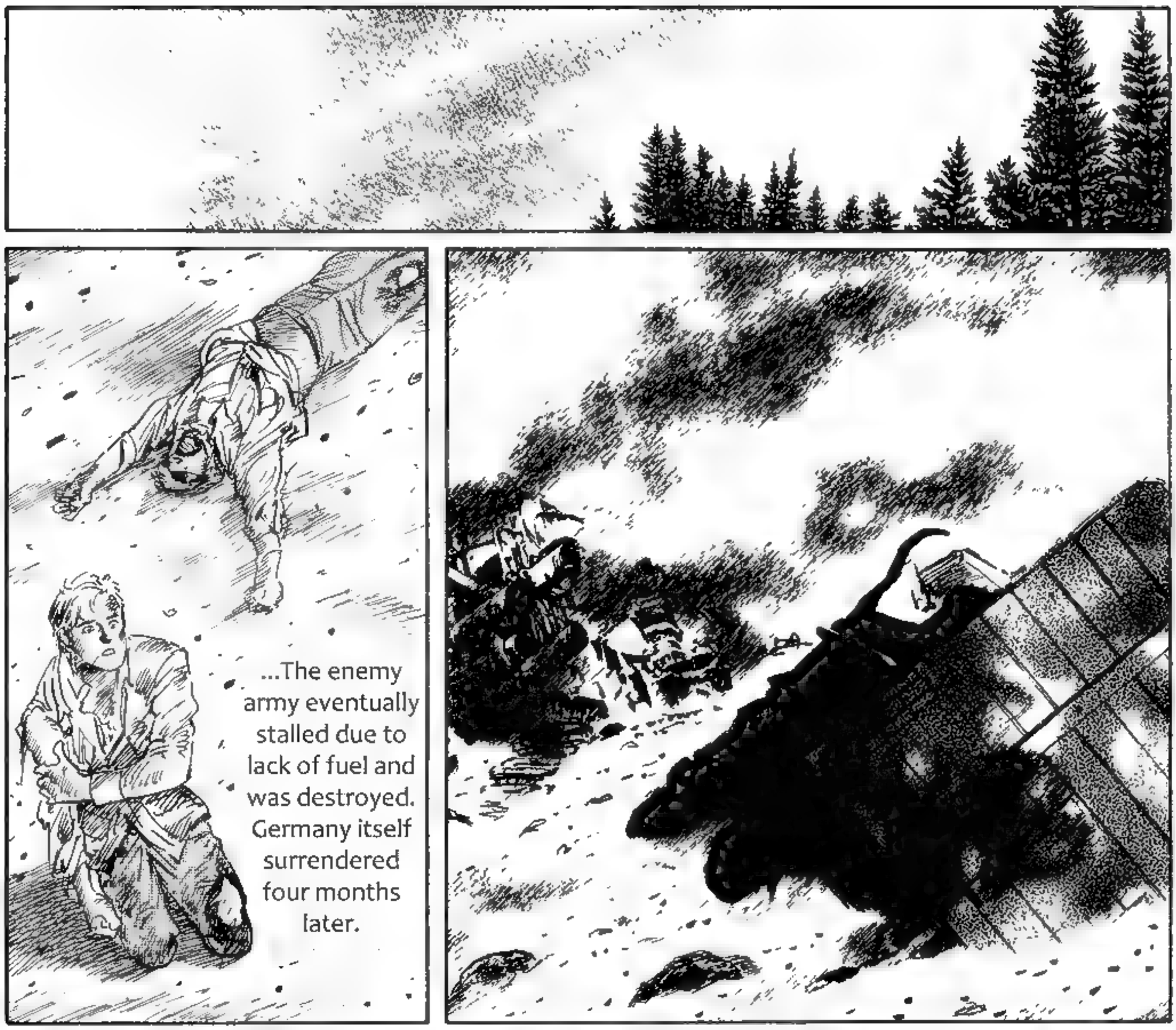








...The enemy army eventually stalled due to lack of fuel and was destroyed. Germany itself surrendered four months later.

Was it an atrocious, grotesque devil brought back from an ancient era? Or...

I wonder what it was that I saw...

Maybe it was the true face of war...

But they all hide it deep within their hearts...

I think that everyone who has gone to war has seen something similar.

Ardennes Forest (End)

Vol.5
National Shame Manga

Early morning of December 8th, 16th year* of Howa. Pride of the Imperial Navy, the combined fleet heads eastward across the Pacific to surprise attack the U.S. Pacific fleet in Hawaii.

A large fleet consisting of thirty ships. Starting with the super battleship Ecchu, there were the battleships Tokoname, Tondabayashi, and Nishiogikubo, the aircraft carriers Kamitaka, Hakutsuru, and Kizakura, the heavy cruisers Hakone, Beppu, and Gero, the destroyers Harusame, Shirataki, and Kouyadoufu, as well as over 300 planes on board. It was majestic.

Fighting spirit and emotional memories came and went in the chest of Commander in Chief of the combined fleet, Soto Hiromasa.

THIS DAY HAS BEEN A LONG TIME COMING...

YOH— SOH

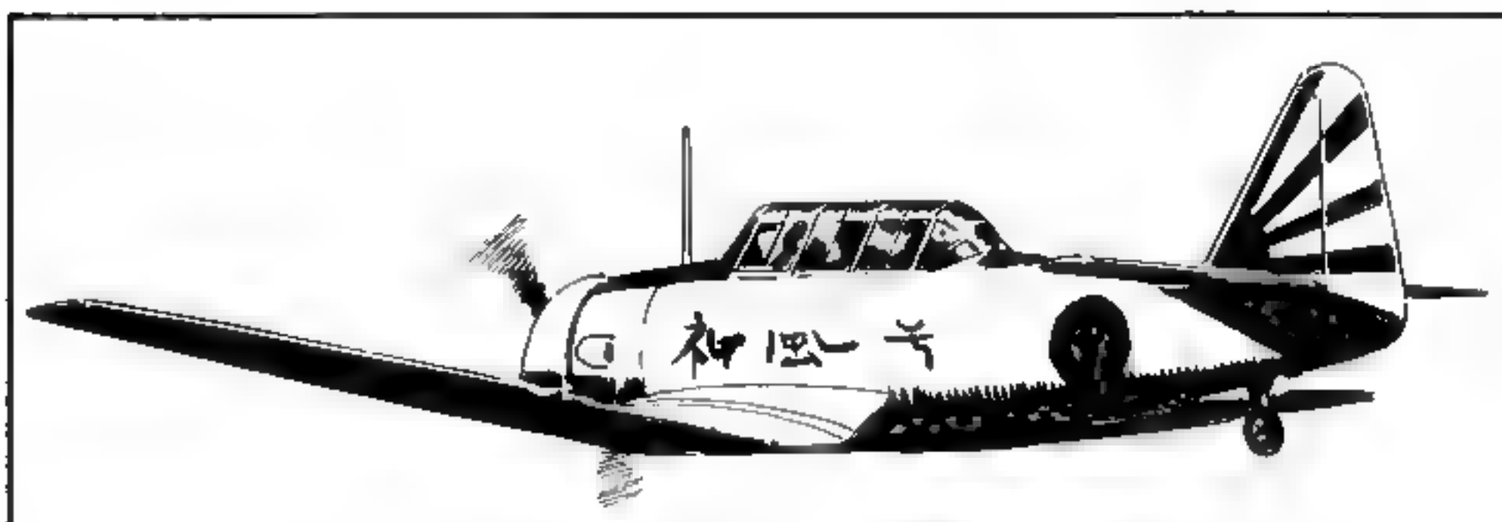
OMOH KUJI—

Time is Money

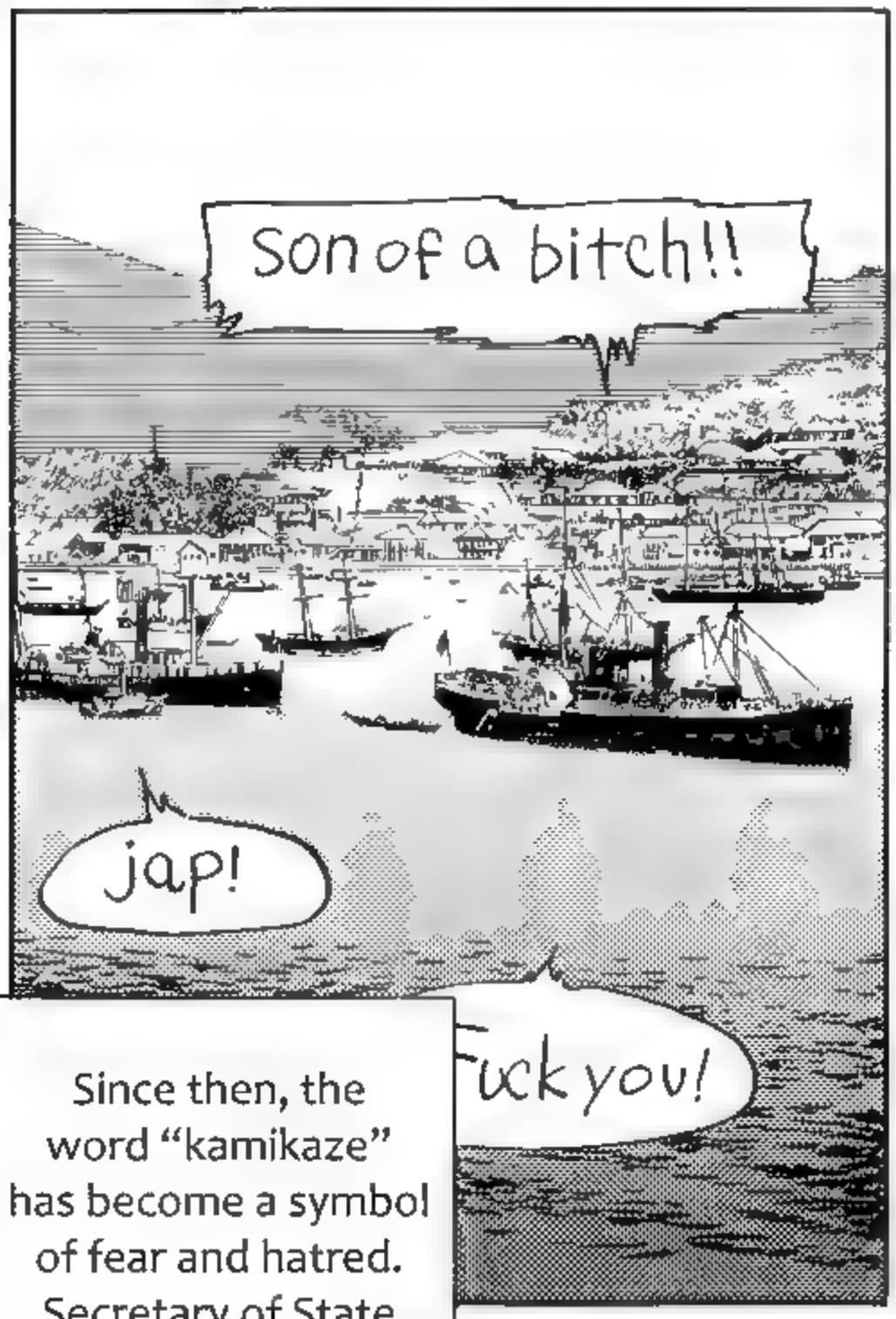
Left Right North West East South General

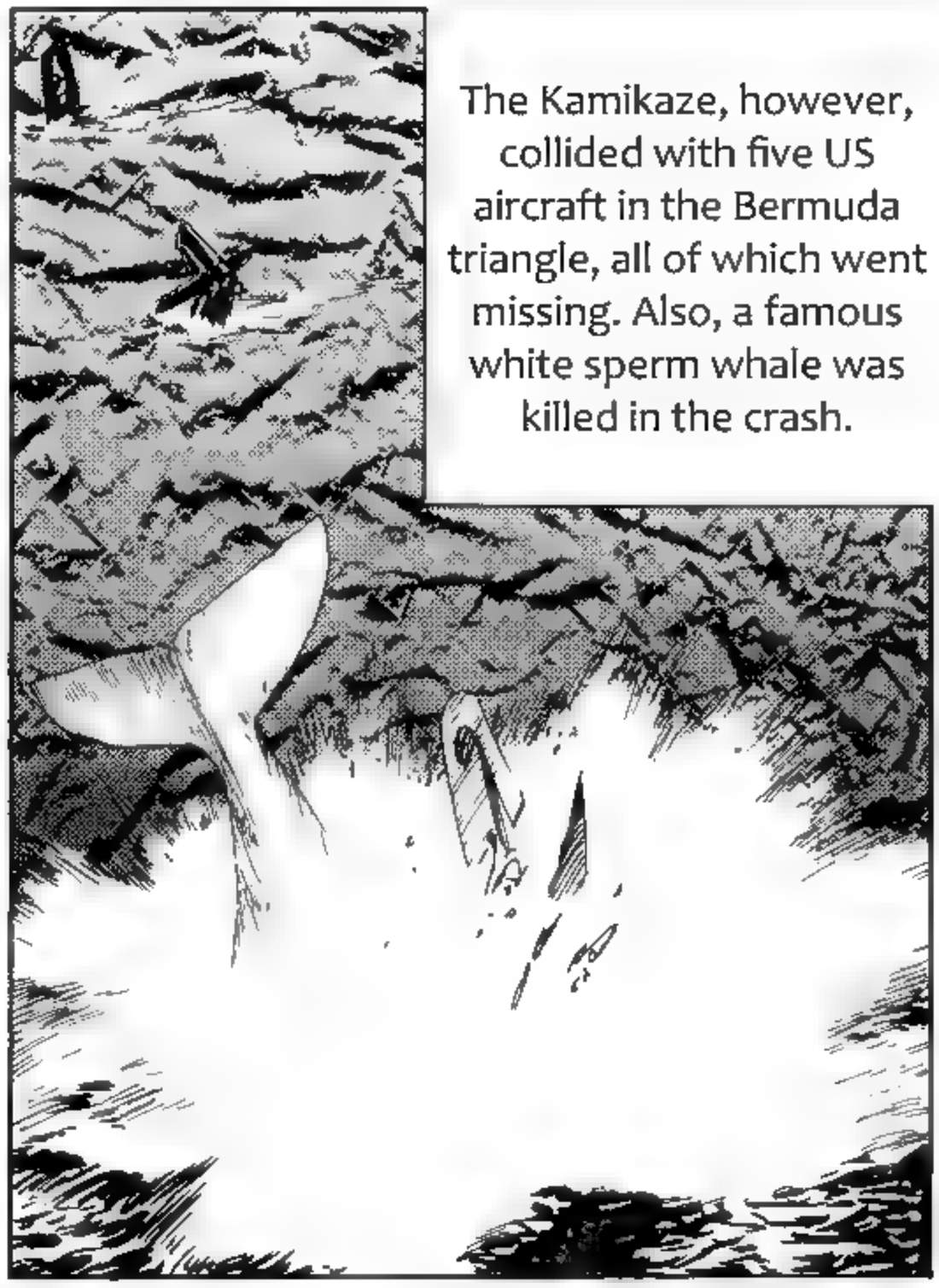
He would never forget what happened thirty years ago to make Japan take up arms against America.

...Maybe that was thirty-five years? Might have been forty-two years. Japanese people only have a vague sense of time.



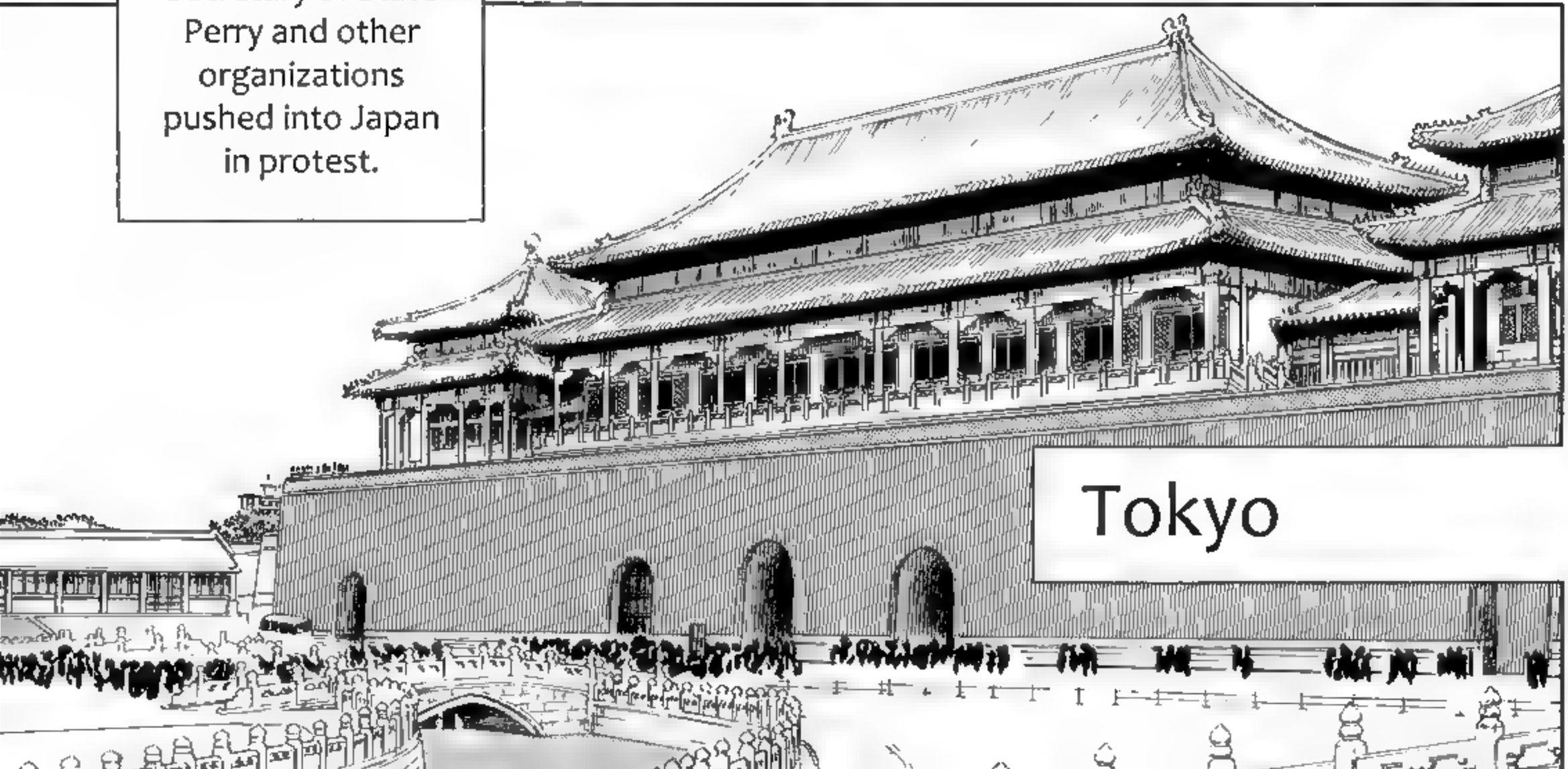
But that year, the Kamikaze set off on a round the world flight to show off Japan's superior aerial technology.





The Kamikaze, however, collided with five US aircraft in the Bermuda triangle, all of which went missing. Also, a famous white sperm whale was killed in the crash.

Since then, the word "kamikaze" has become a symbol of fear and hatred. Secretary of State Perry and other organizations pushed into Japan in protest.



This was when the Japan-US Trade Agreement and the Treaty to Ban Whaling were forced on Japan.

In the confusion, the Japan-Russia Salmon Treaty and the Japan-English Beef Import Treaty were also written up.

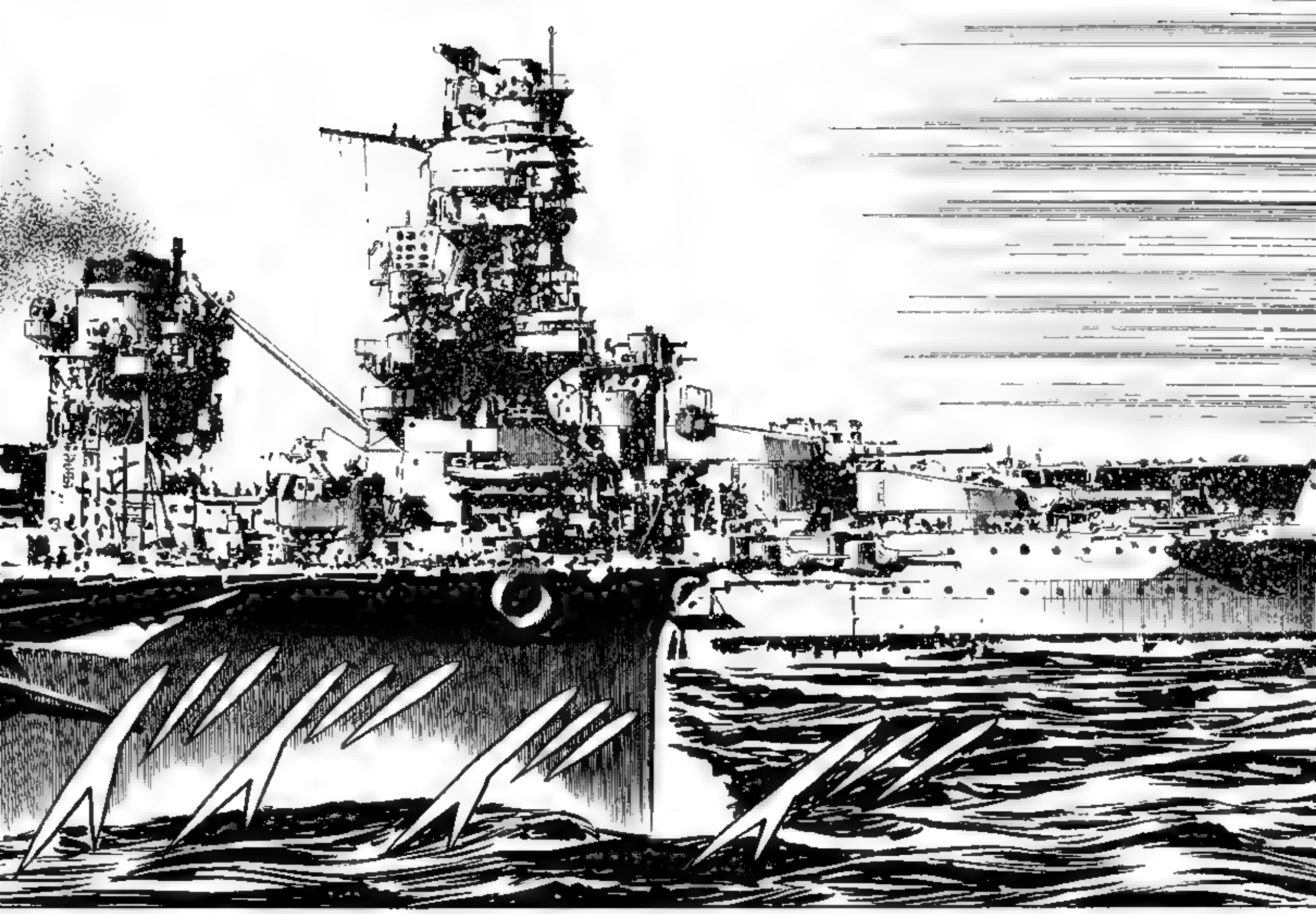
...Not only that, the American sailors who had come ashore went wild in Tokyo, causing a huge incident where 100,000 Japanese men were violated and killed.

This incident, called the Tokyo Massacre, is not recognized by the American government nor is it written in any textbooks.

The furious Japanese chased them to the port, but the sailors were already on the sea. There was no modern Japanese navy able to chase them on water.

Forty-seven Japanese men took their lives right there in anger...

The young Soto Hiromasa swore to himself then and there. The Japanese would vindicate their honor for the humiliation they had received. They would build an exquisite navy and take vengeance...!

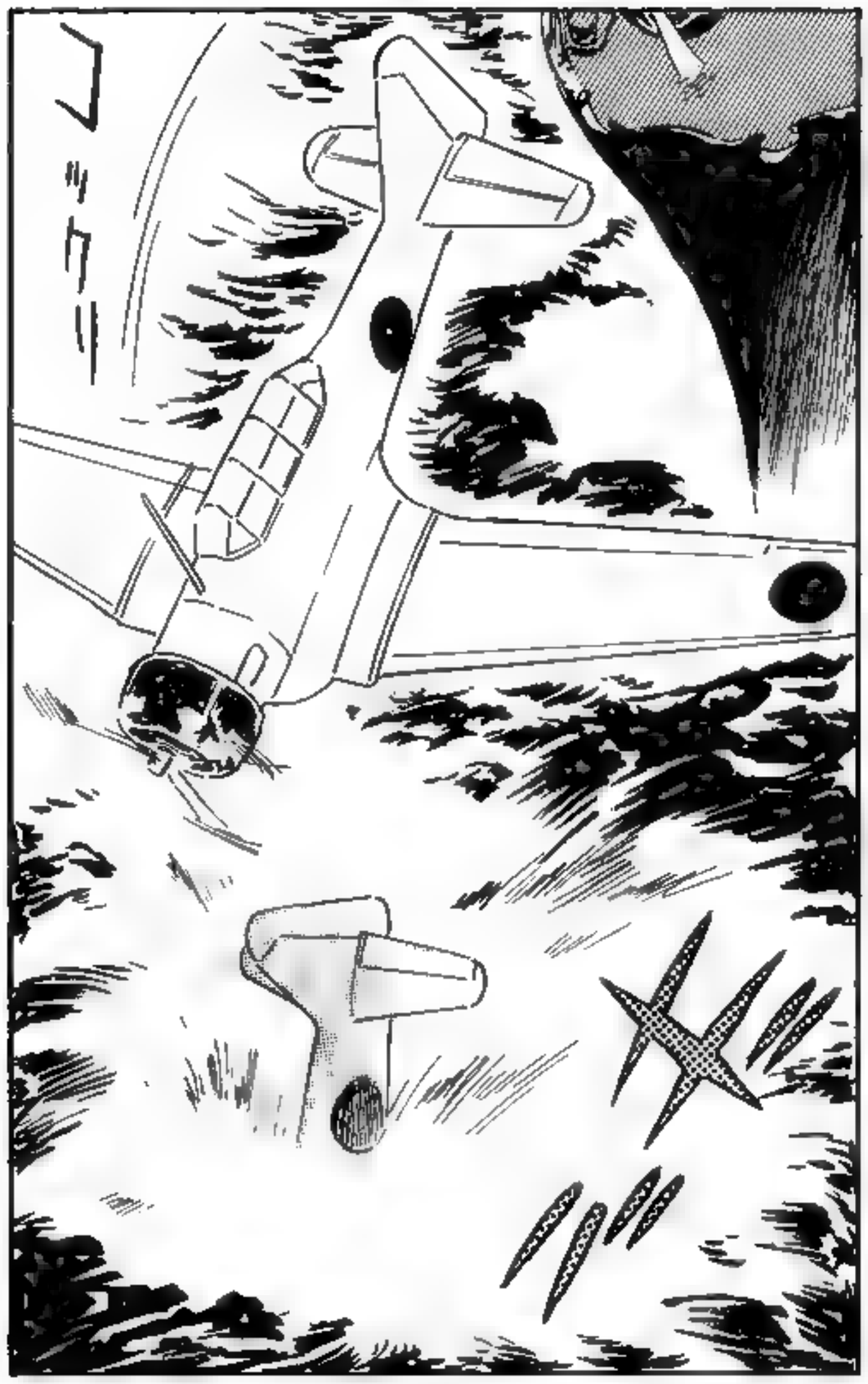

ATTACK

COMMANDER, OUR FIGHTERS ARE NOW PREPARED TO LAUNCH.
OKAY.
General

A6M Zero “Toro”

Nakajima B5N “Utamaro”

Aichi D3A “Omikuji”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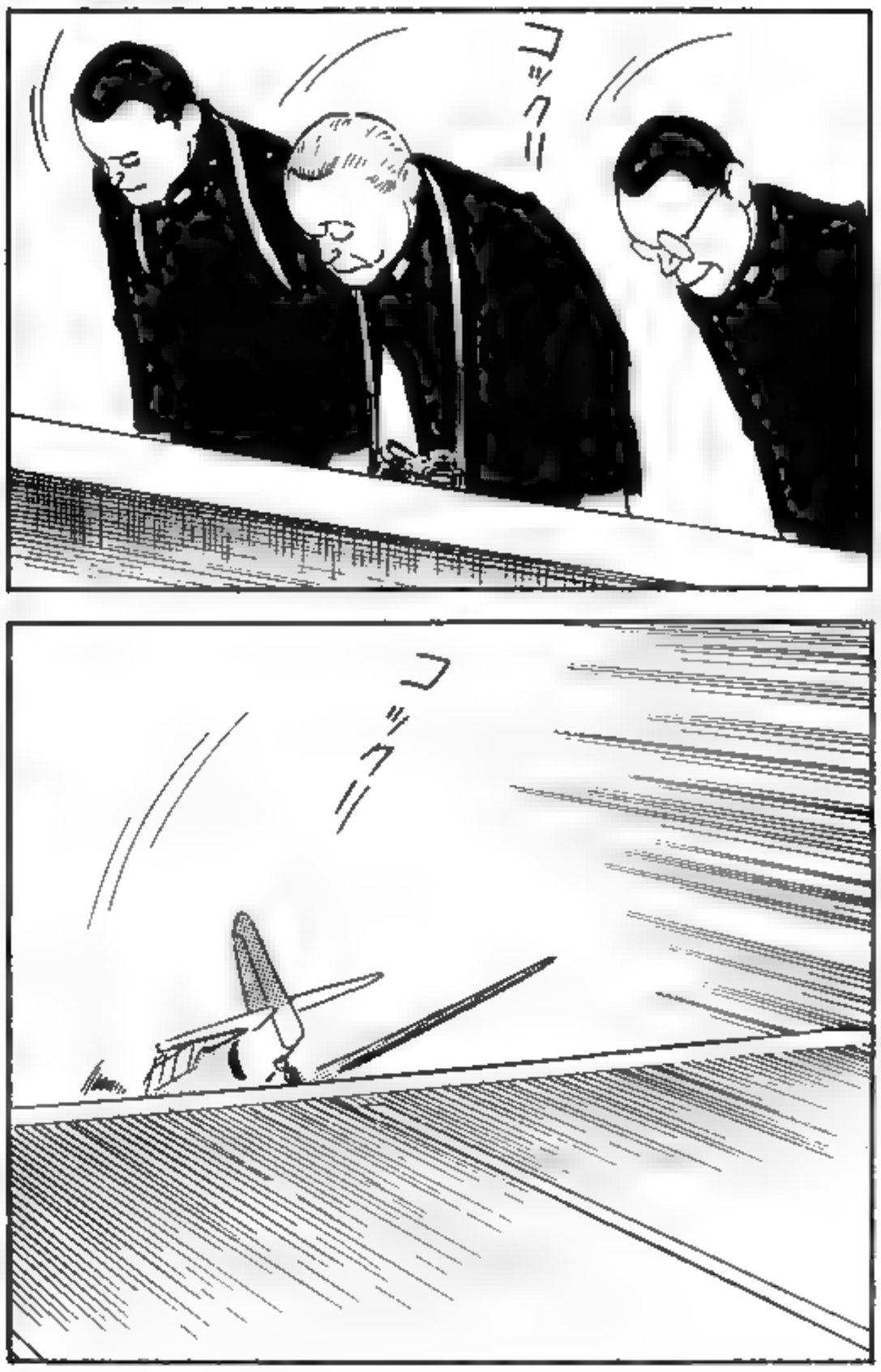
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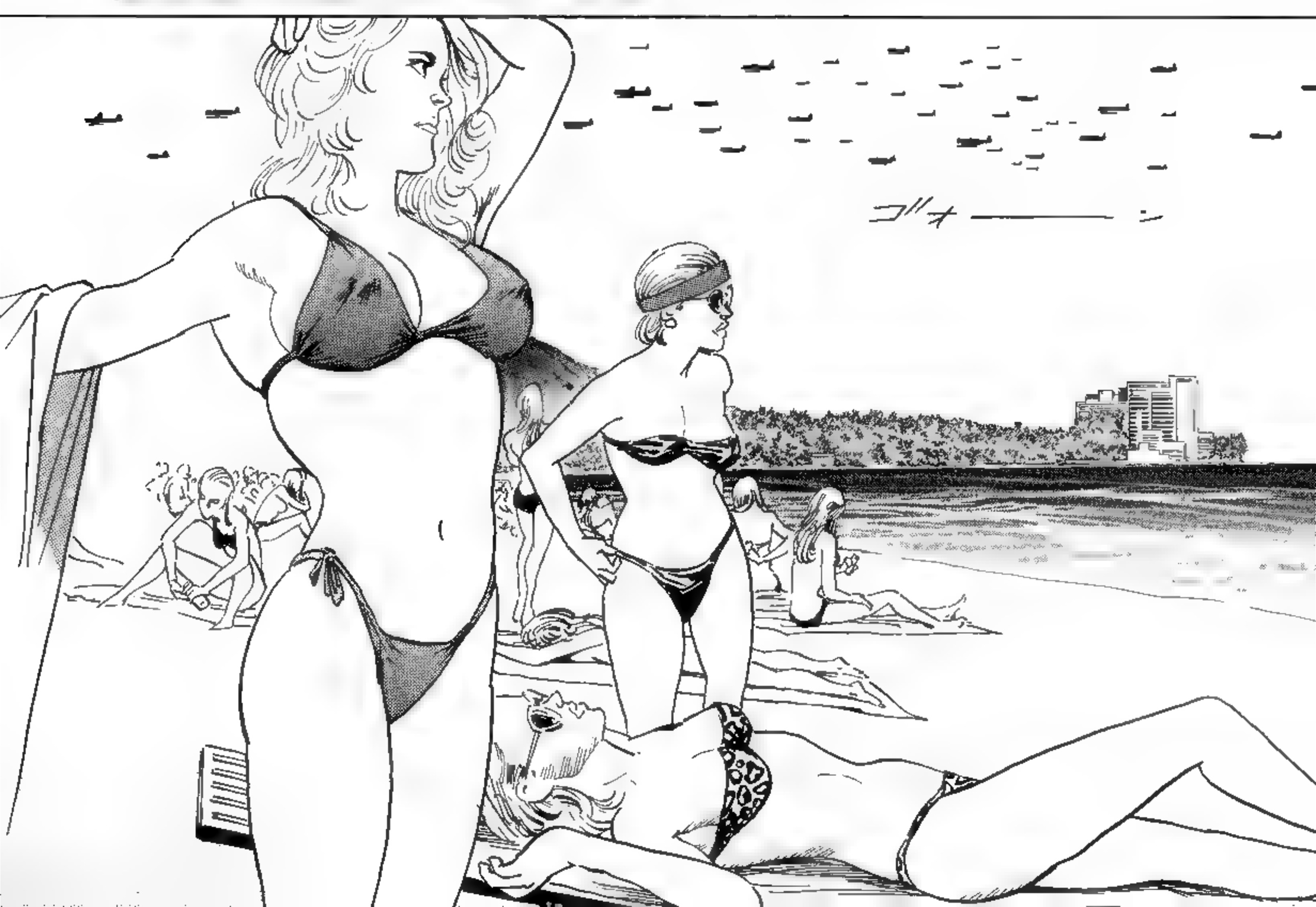
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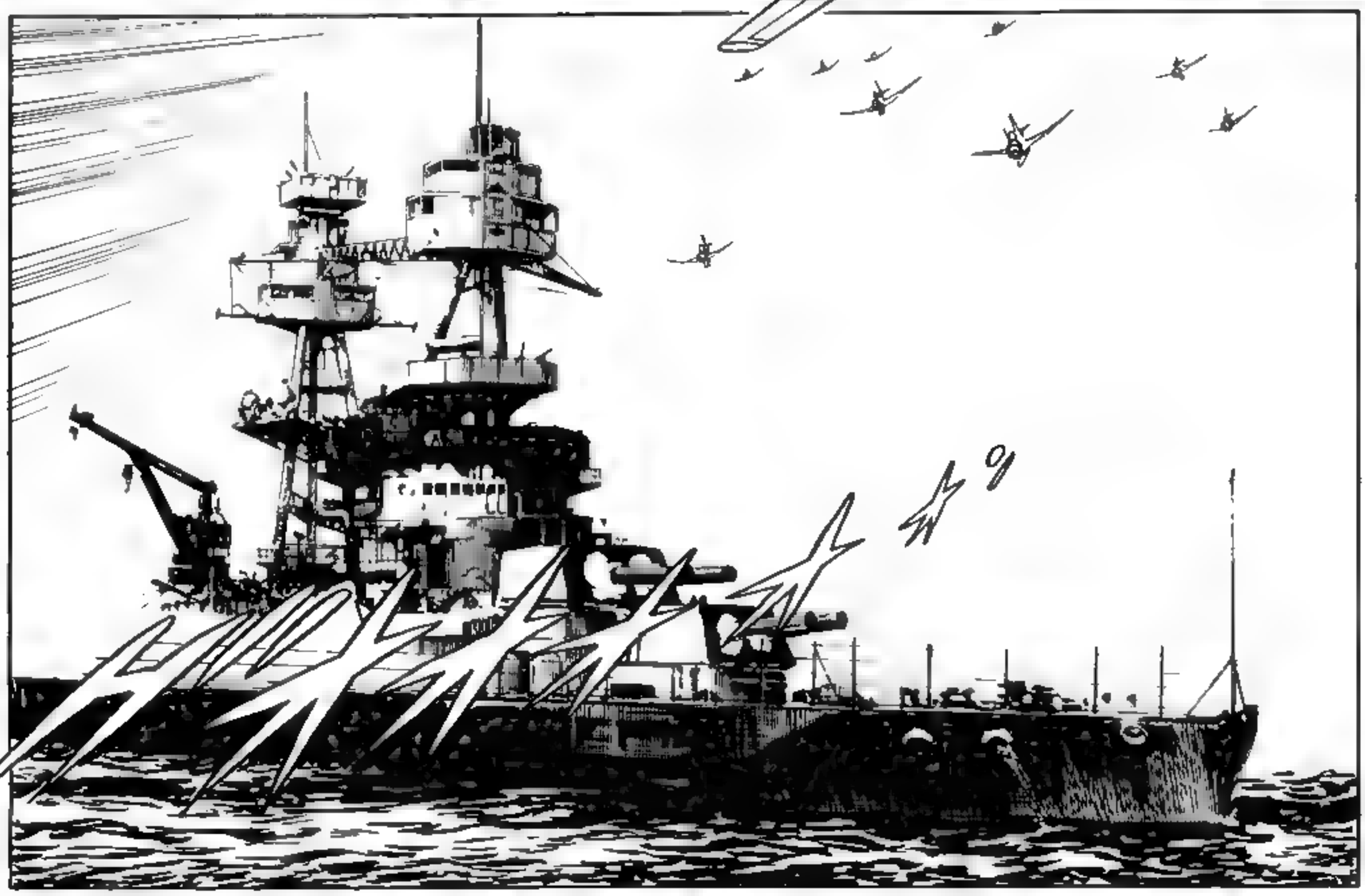
ENEMY FLEET SIGHTED! FORWARD AT 1 O'CLOCK! FORWARD! EYES STRAIGHT, DAMN IT!
DAMN IT!



TARGET, CALIFORNIA-TYPE BATTLESHIP! READY!

FOR THE EMPEROR, BANZAi!!!

BANZAI!

BANZAI!

BANZAI!

KYAHHHH!

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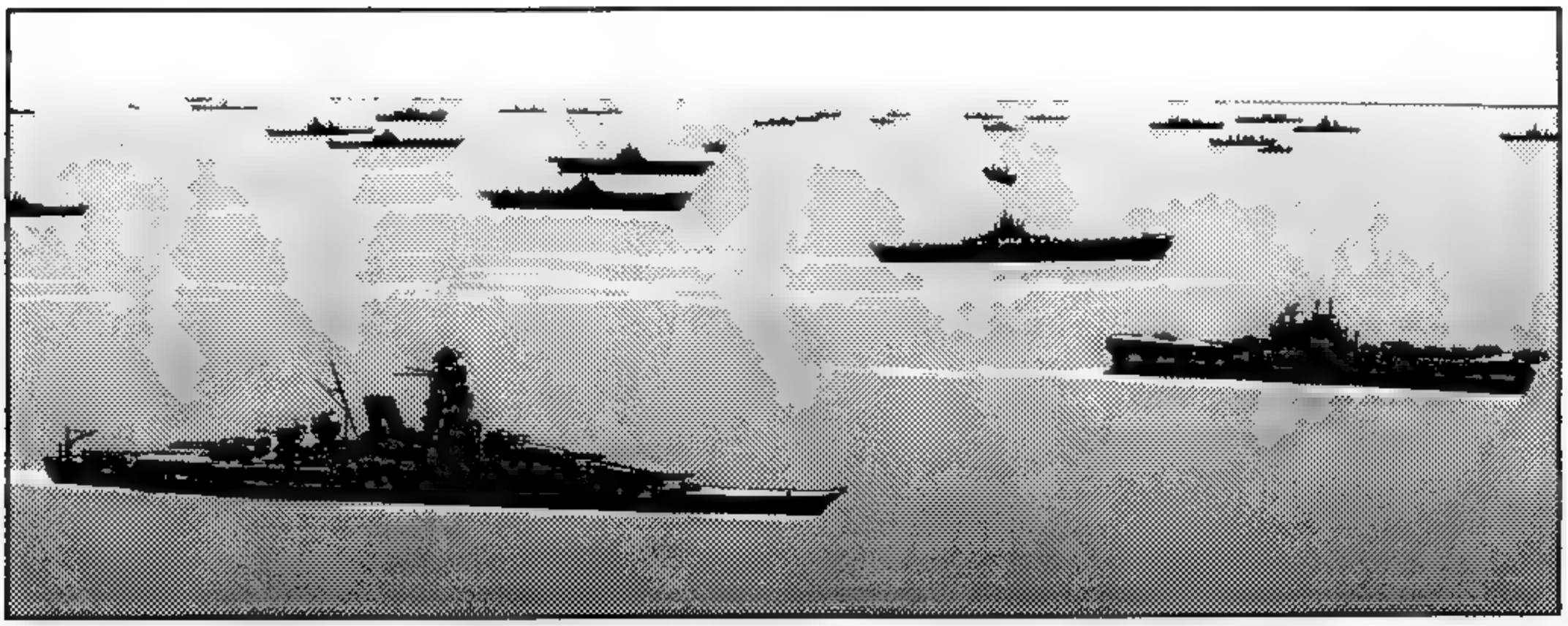
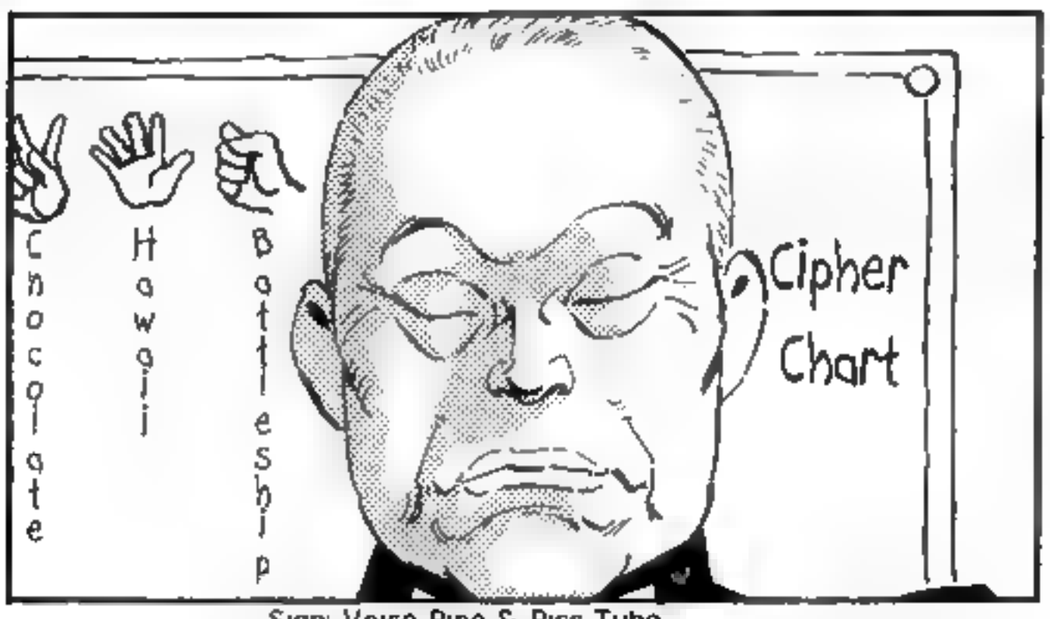
Ai-YAH!





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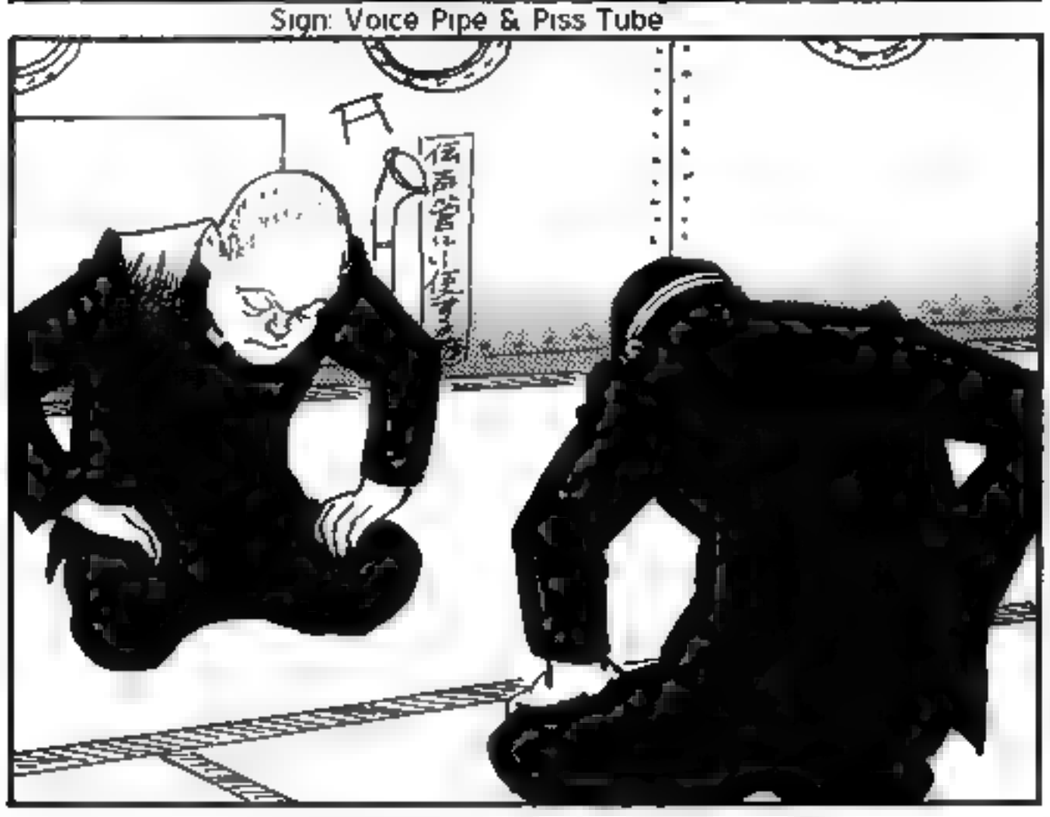

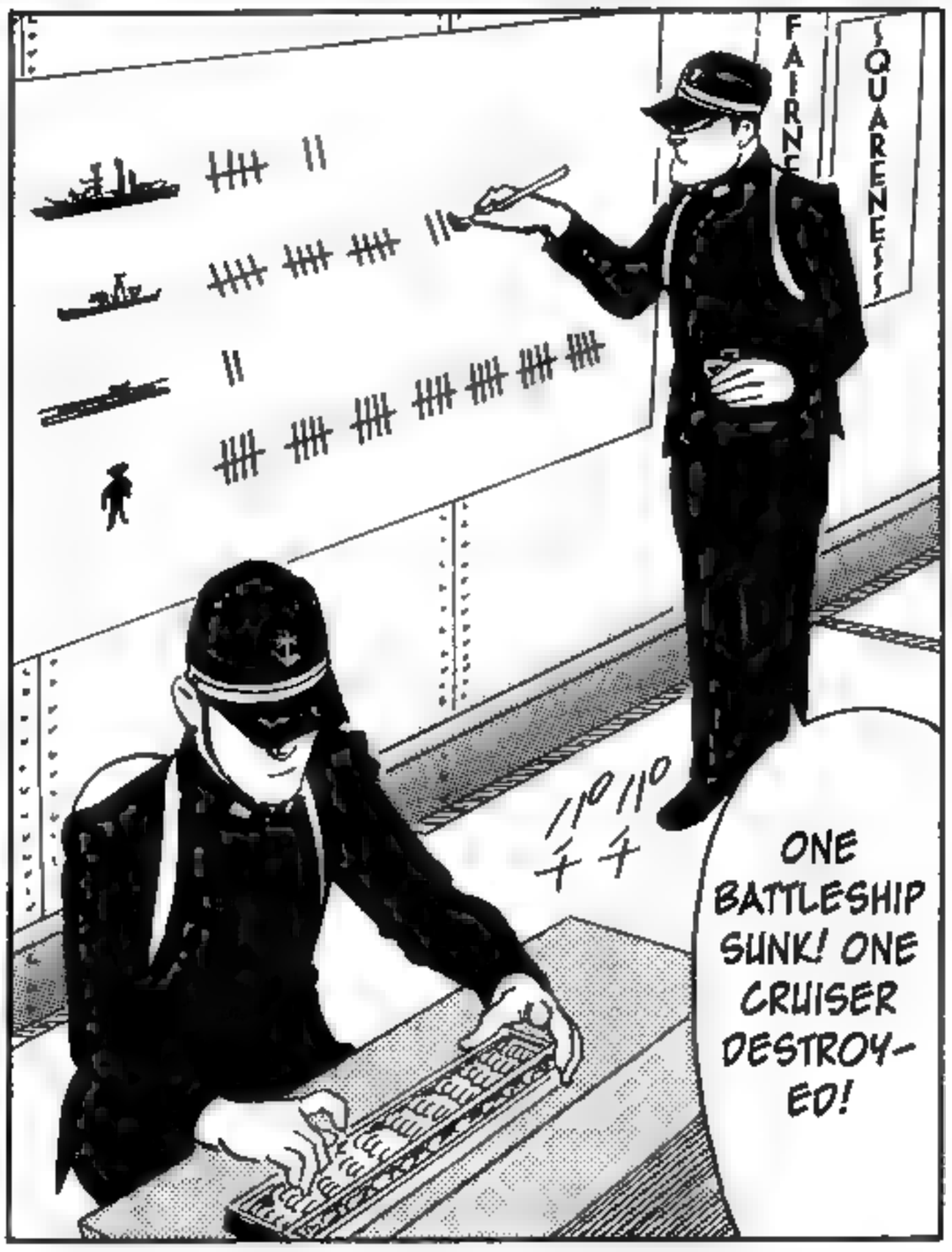

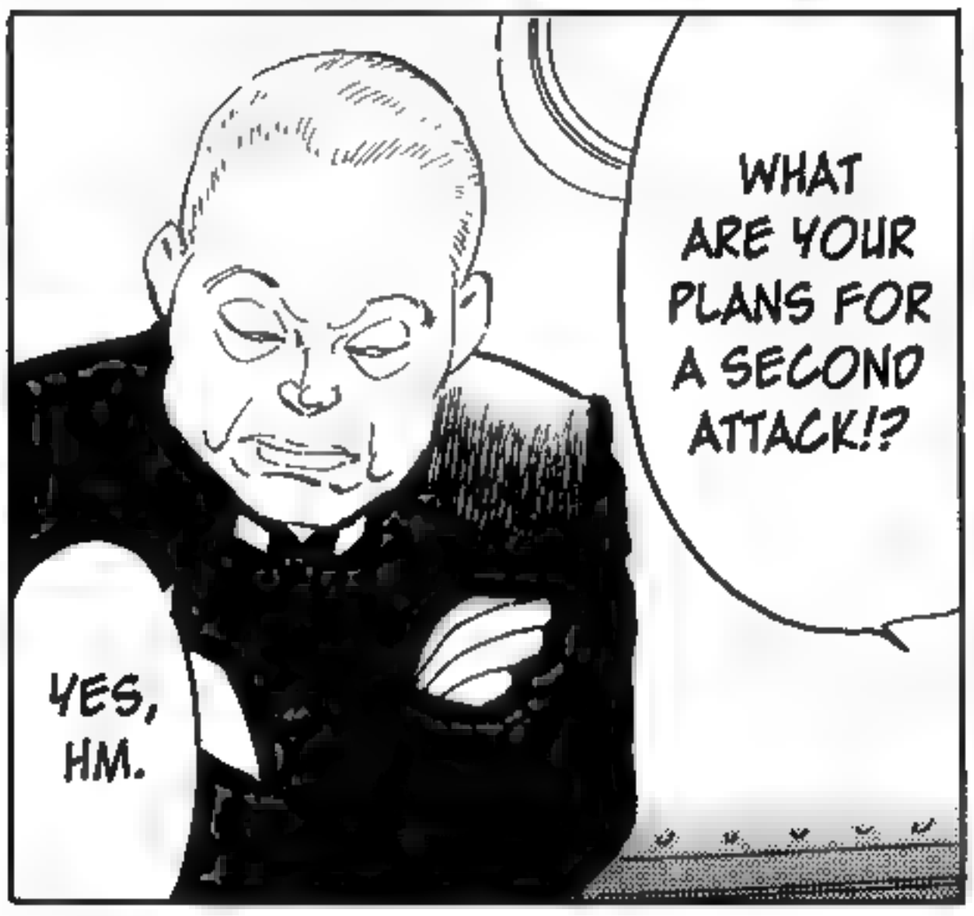

I DIDN'T THINK THINGS WOULD GO THIS WELL. I NEVER MADE PLANS FOR WHAT HAPPENS NEXT.

IS WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY, BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY AIRCRAFT LEFT.

THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL ARMY FIGHTS TO THE LAST MAN! I WILL NOT BE SHAMED BY GOING HOME WITH JUST THESE BATTLESHIPS!!

HUH?

WELL THEN...

BANZAI!

BANZAI!

WHOA!

KYAAH!

CHARGE!
CHARGE!!

As an aside, one soldier from this attack survived in the jungle for 30 years. Later, he married a Hawaiian girl and their son became a grand champion Yokozuna sumo wrestler named Takenoko.

And so, the combined fleet made a suicide attack. Every man had a heroic and honorable death.

Now then, Japan, who had suddenly lost their navy after pulling America into the war, was thrown into confusion. They were only able to make stopgap defensive plans against the large scale counterattack that America began...

Imperial Headquarters

大 蔵 省

COUNSELOR TANAKA. I'VE RECEIVED WORD THE ENEMY HAS ALREADY MADE IT TO THE SHORES OF THE BONIN ISLANDS.

*Seirogan is a medicine generally used against diarrhea

LET'S COMPLETE THE PACIFIC WAR

DEATH TO UGLY AMERI-CANS

SEIRO-GAN*

~~Greater East Asian Co-prosperity Sphere~~

Absolute Defensive Sphere

Beastly Americans

MIDWAY TO THE EAST, NEW GUINEA TO THE SOUTH. WE WILL TIE THE OCEAN WATERS BETWEEN THEM INTO AN ABSOLUTE DEFENSIVE SPHERE AND NOT ALLOW A SINGLE AMERICAN INSIDE!

Korea
China
China
Iturup Island
Kunashir Island
Hachijoujima
Izu-Oshima
India
Japan Mainland
Guadalcanal

The footsteps of the American army drew nearer, stepping over the many sacrifices...

THIS SIDE UP
ANTI-TAXES
DEATH FOR HONO
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JAPAN'S LIFELINE IS HACHI-JOUJIMA! PROTECT THIS WITH YOUR LIF—

COUNSELOR YAMADA. THE ENEMY IS ON THE SHORES OF IZU-OSHIMA ISLAND!

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The first to invade the shores of Tokyo was the giant aircraft carrier Manhattan, followed by the rest of the Pacific fleet.

Not a single building remained after the fire bombing as Japanese buildings were made of bamboo and paper.

Incombustible

At long last, Japan threw in their final weapon to protect the mainland...

Midget Submarine Kaichu

Phantom Super Heavy Bomber Mugaku

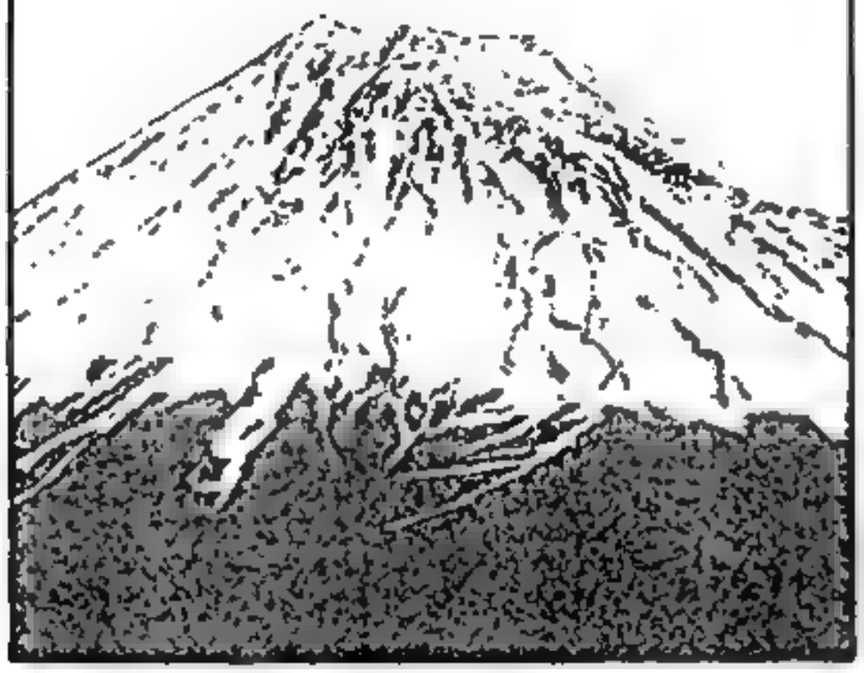
The fate of the empire was at stake as they squared off against the American fleet.

Land-Based Fighter Chinnen

Japan's organized resistance was totally flattened in ten days.

Uncon-ditional surrender was offered on December 24th...

They had decided to take responsibility for their actions rather than be shamed in defeat, no matter how stupid the war... It was Christmas Eve...



Everyone in charge of the war committed suicide immediately...

NATIONAL SHAME

Where's Tojo?

TAISHO PAWNSHOP

NATIONAL SHAME

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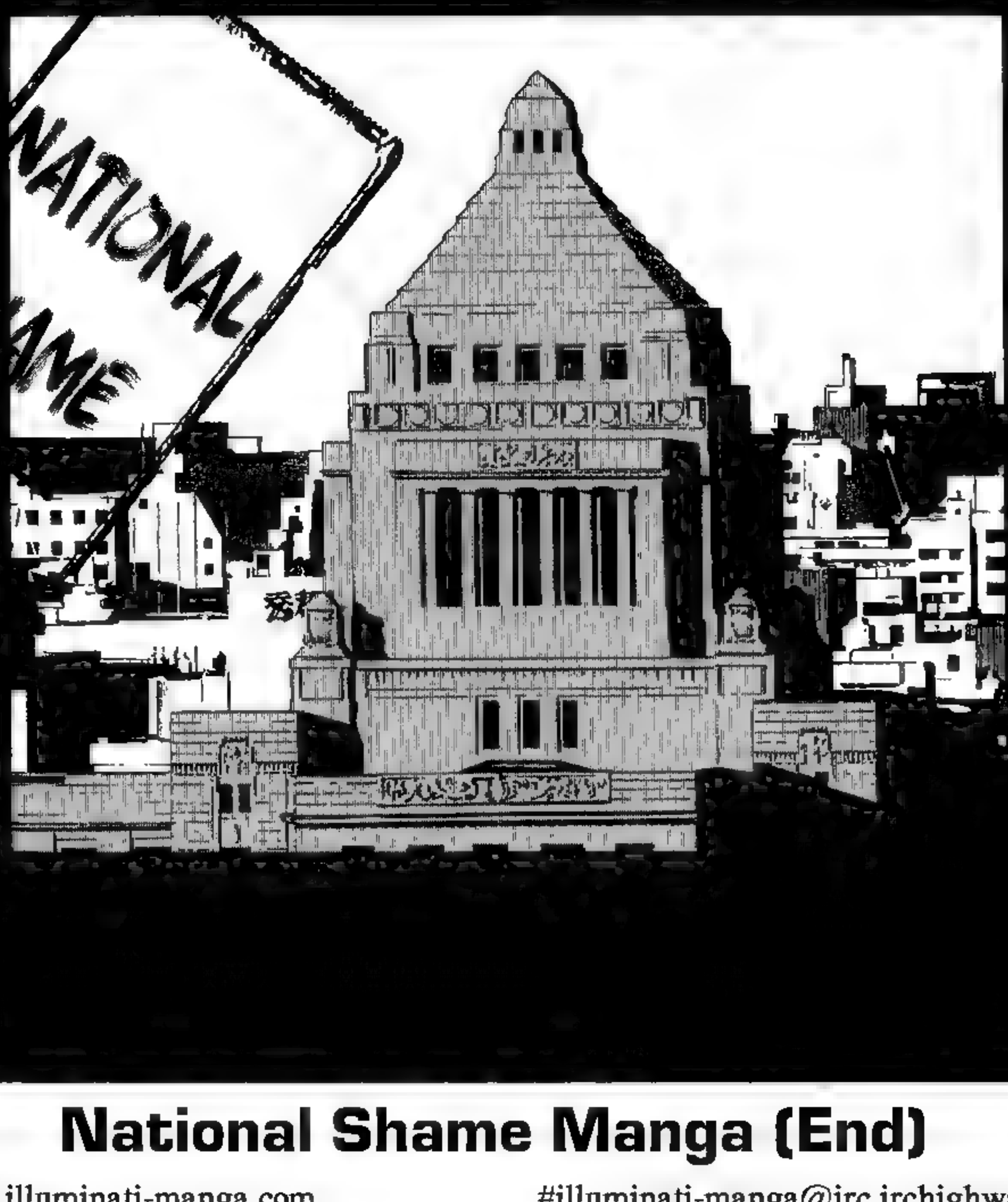
So long as a country and its people have pride, to have that insulted is to have your country disgraced and shamed.

A country with no shame can neither have pride.

An old Japanese aphorism



National Shame Manga (End)

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National Shame Manga 2

G.H.Q.

The Japanese American war that started in the December of the 16th year of Howa ended suddenly with the continual bombing of Japan's main cities, burning them to the ground.

Tokyo raided by B-29 Bombers.

Japan offered their unconditional surrender a week after the war began.

Old men overcome at
the sight of a burnt field

Citizens in pain due to lack of food

Japan, now without the ability to function as a nation, would be under the complete control of the occupation army that had landed.

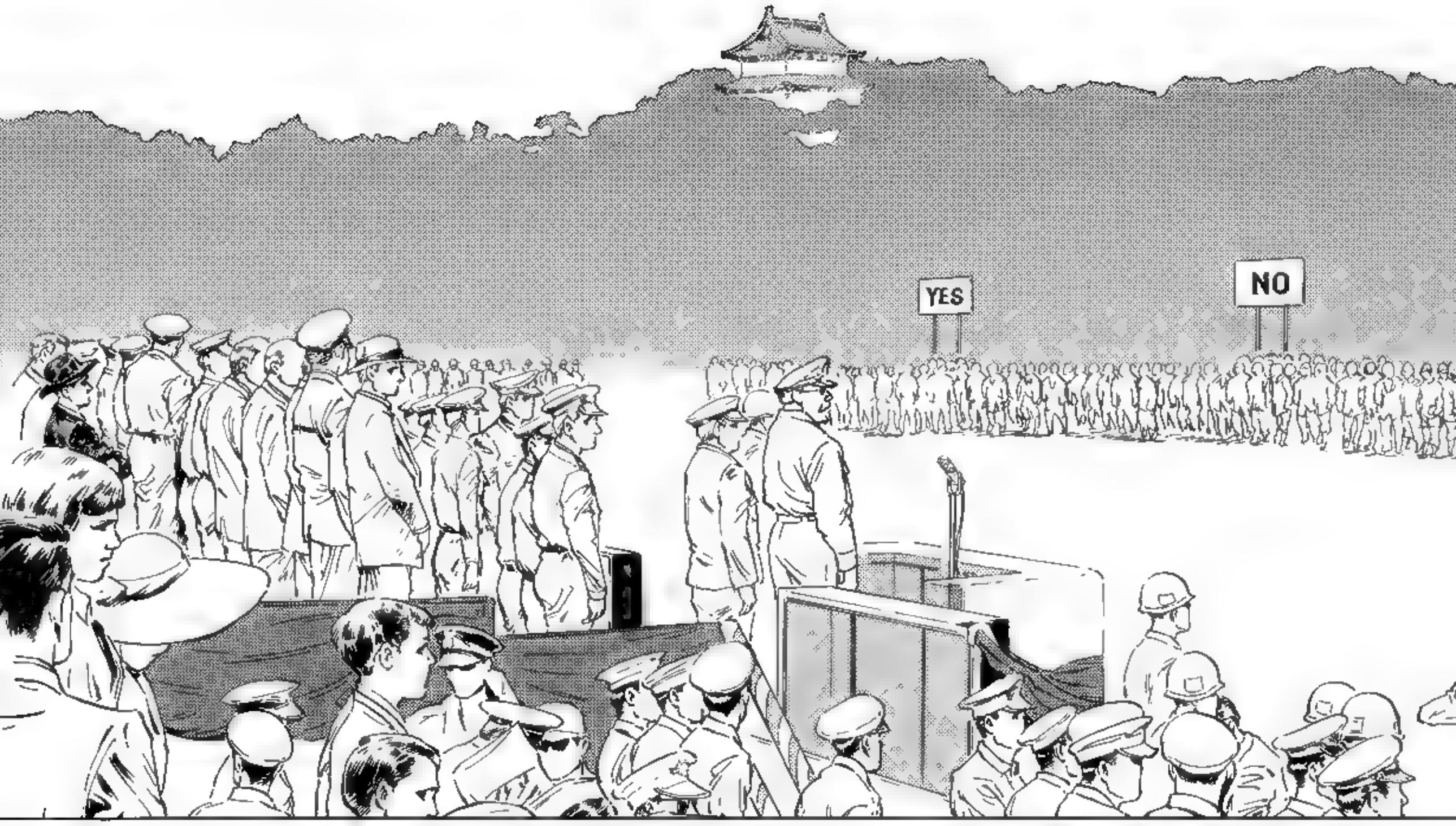
He had just arrived after annihilating the Japanese army on the southern battlefront.

YEAH!

WOW!

The man appointed to commander in chief of the occupation forces was Marshal Douglas Berserker...

Commander Berserker established an Occupation Army headquarters, GHQ, to seize absolute power.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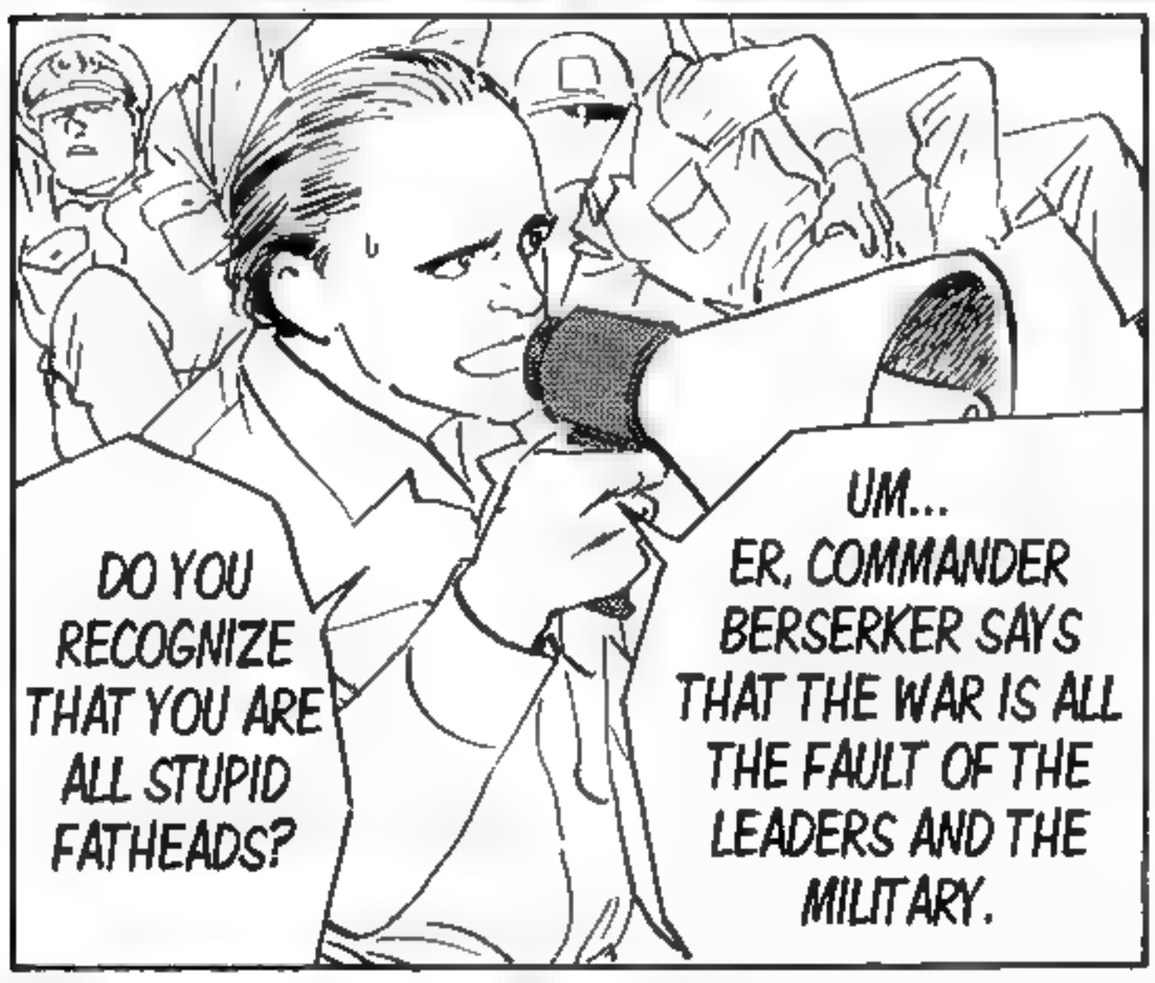
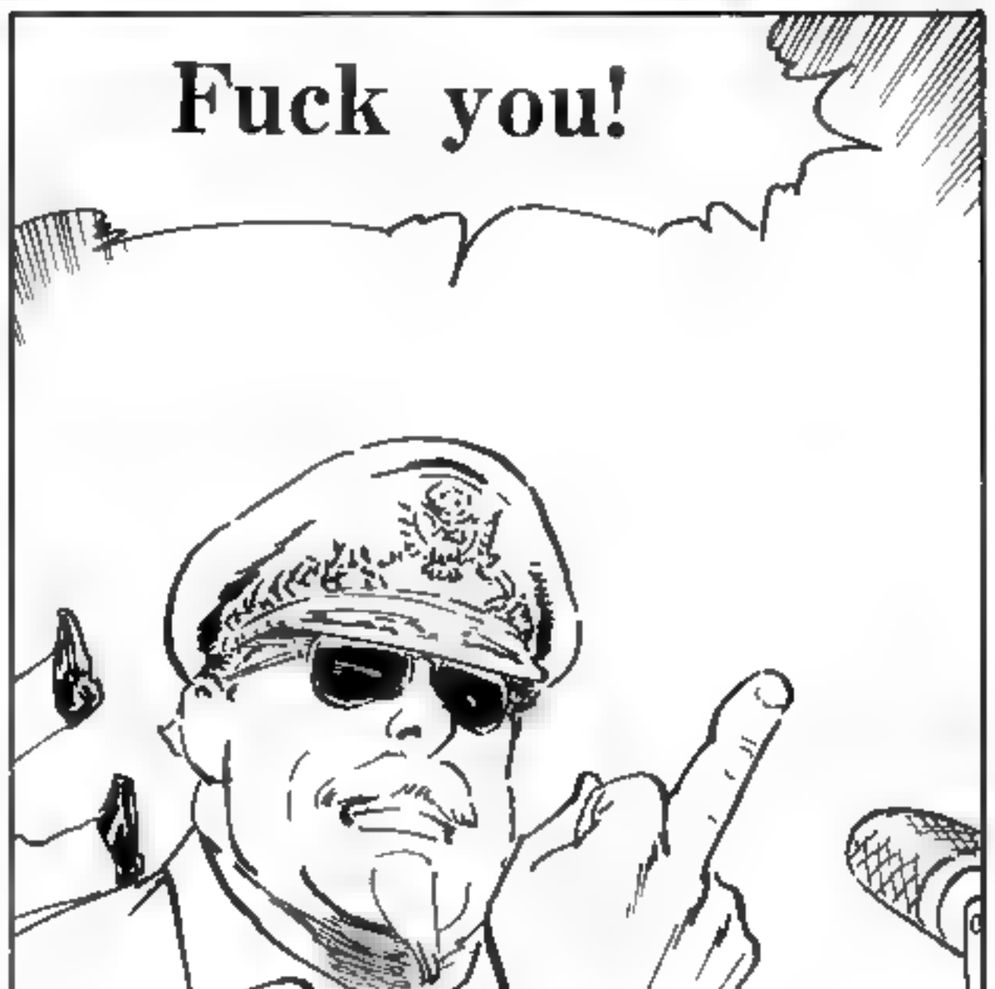

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THAT YOU ARE ALL STUPID FATHEADS?
UM... ER, COMMANDER BERSERKER SAYS THAT THE WAR IS ALL THE FAULT OF THE LEADERS AND THE MILITARY.


Fuck you!

...

Smell me!

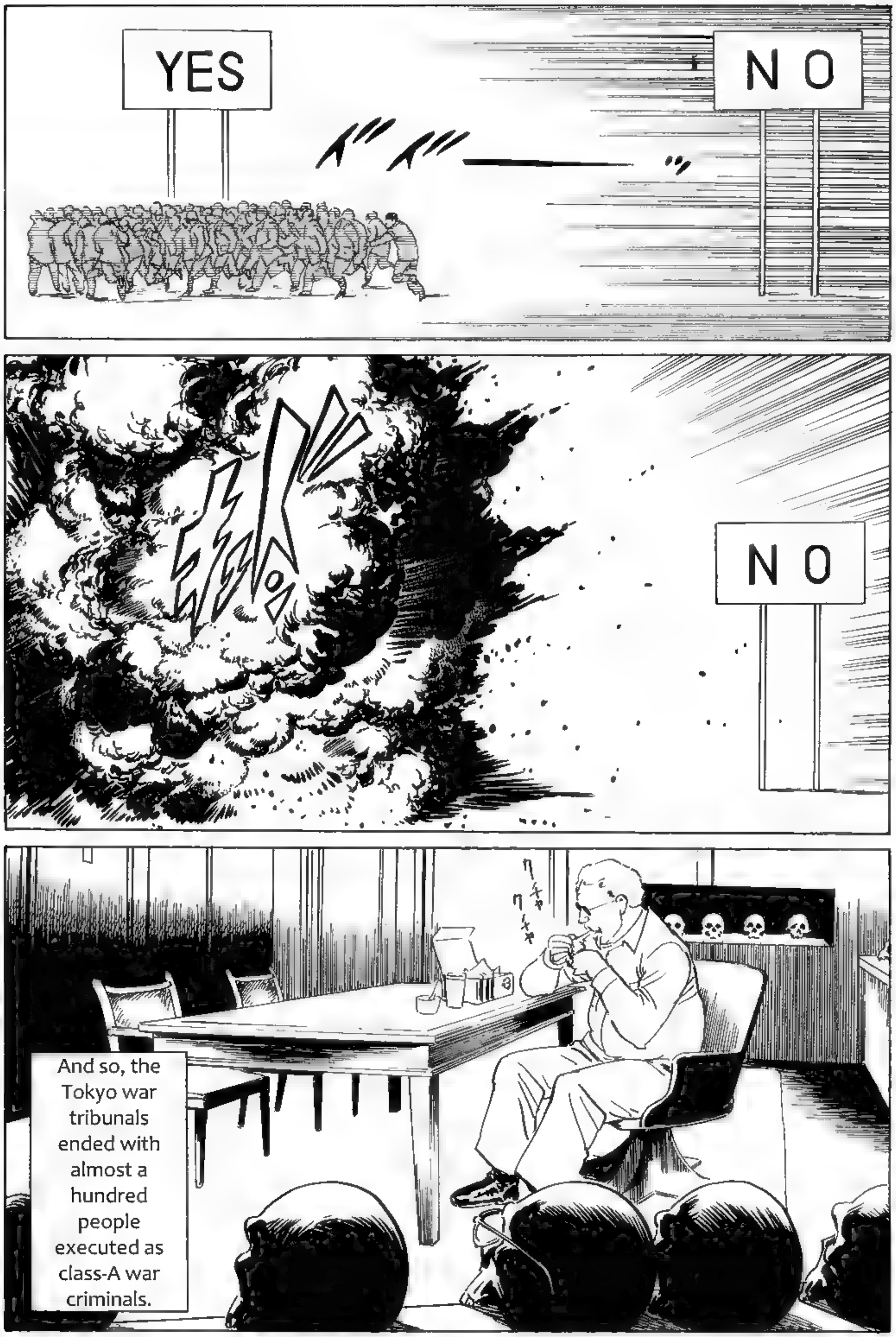
UH, WELL... IT IS TRULY REGRETTABLE THAT WE CAUSED SO MUCH TROUBLE TO EVERYONE AROUND US.

HOWEVER, IN OUR DEFENSE...

YES

NO

PLEASE GIVE A YES OR NO ANSWER.


YES
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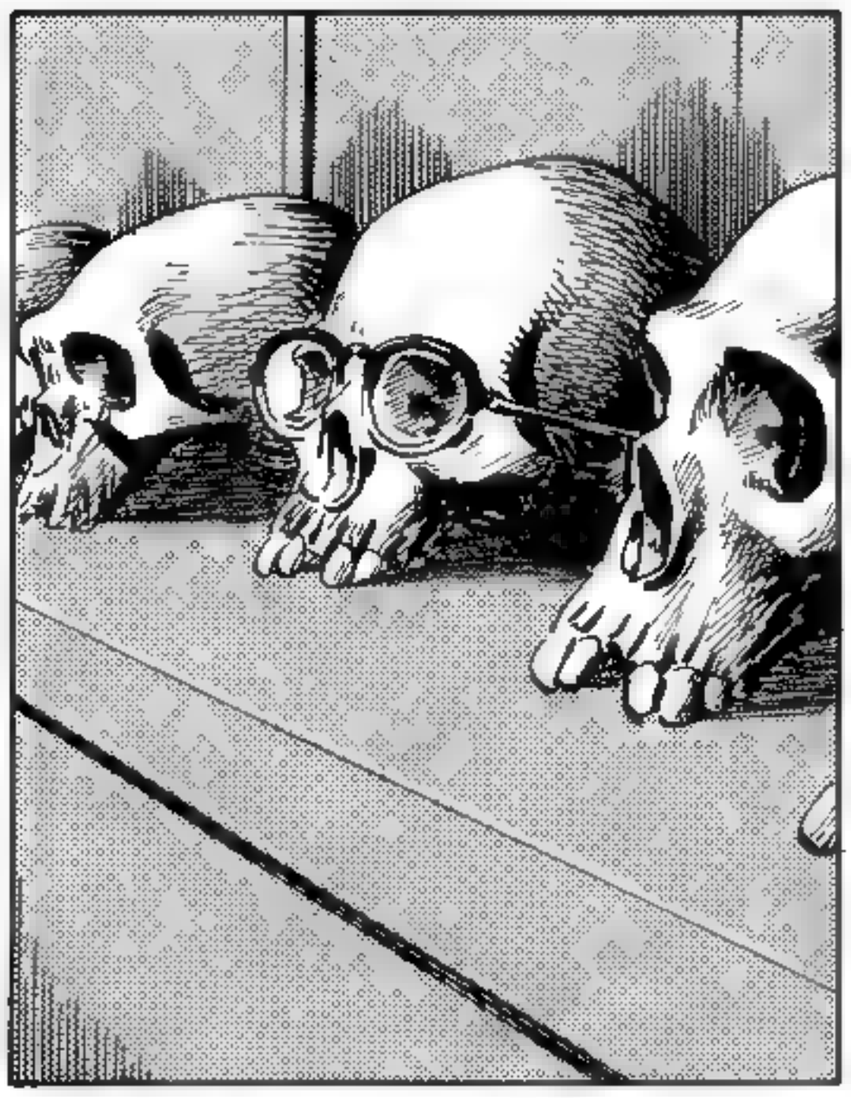
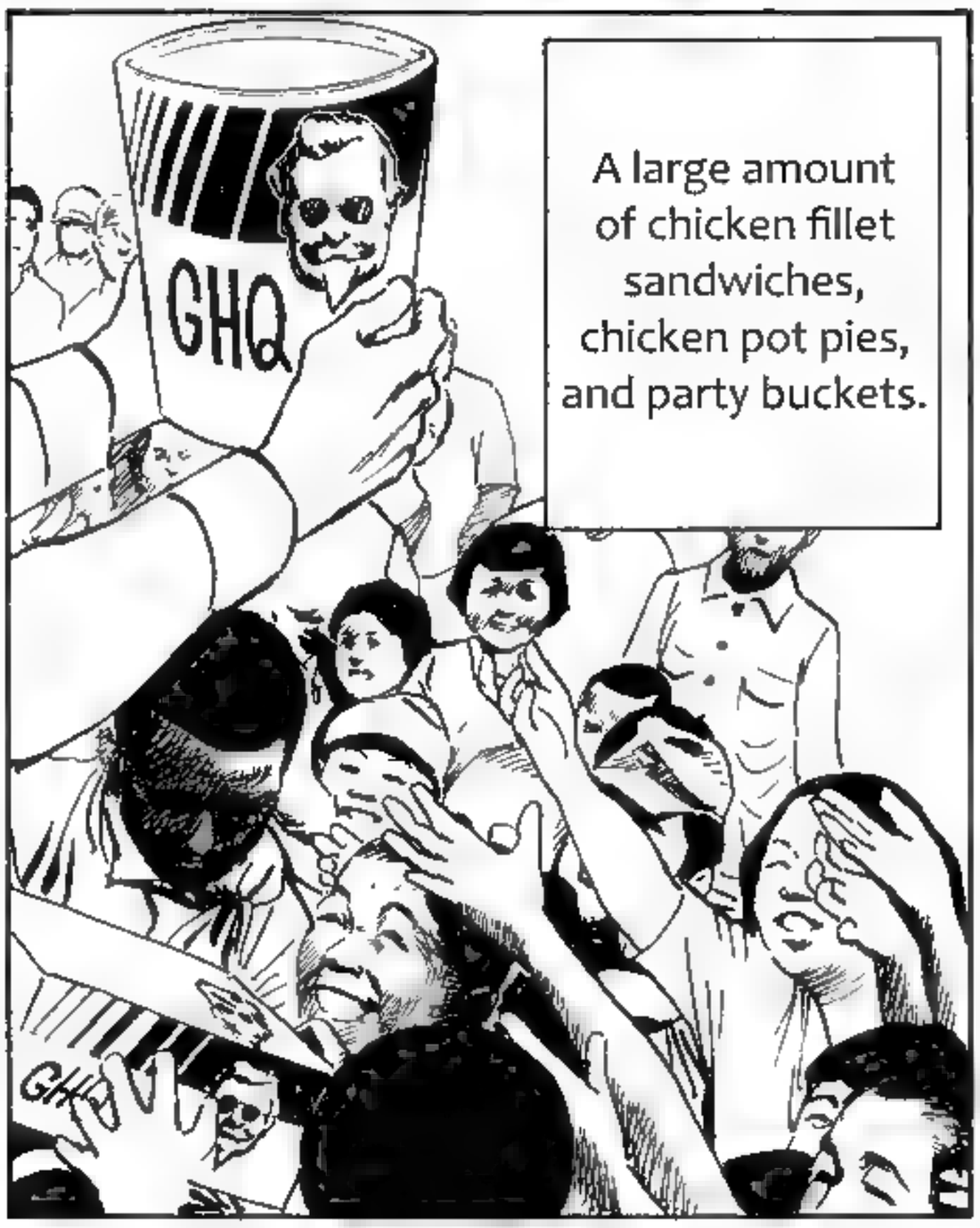
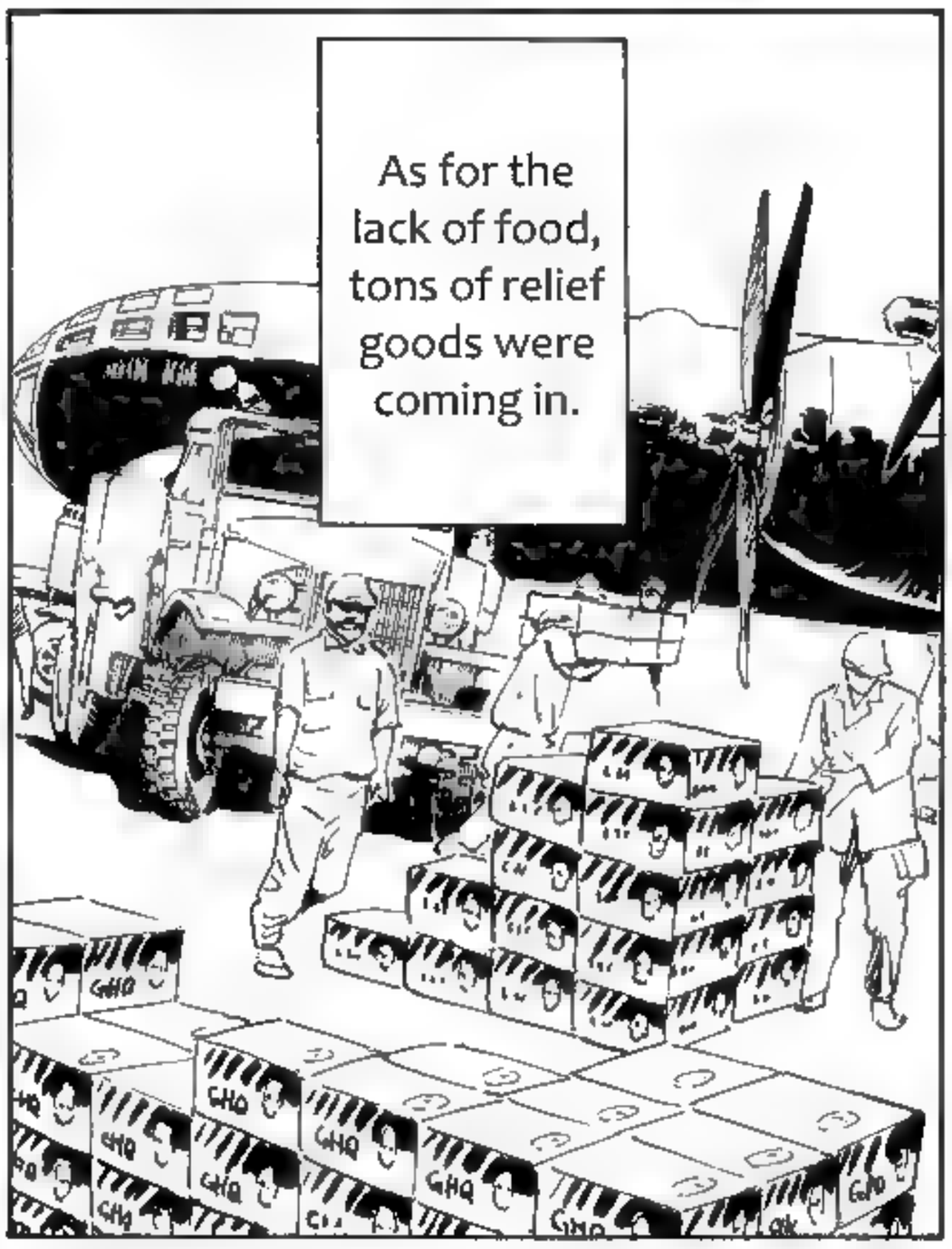
And so, the Tokyo war tribunals ended with almost a hundred people executed as class-A war criminals.





A large amount of chicken fillet sandwiches, chicken pot pies, and party buckets.



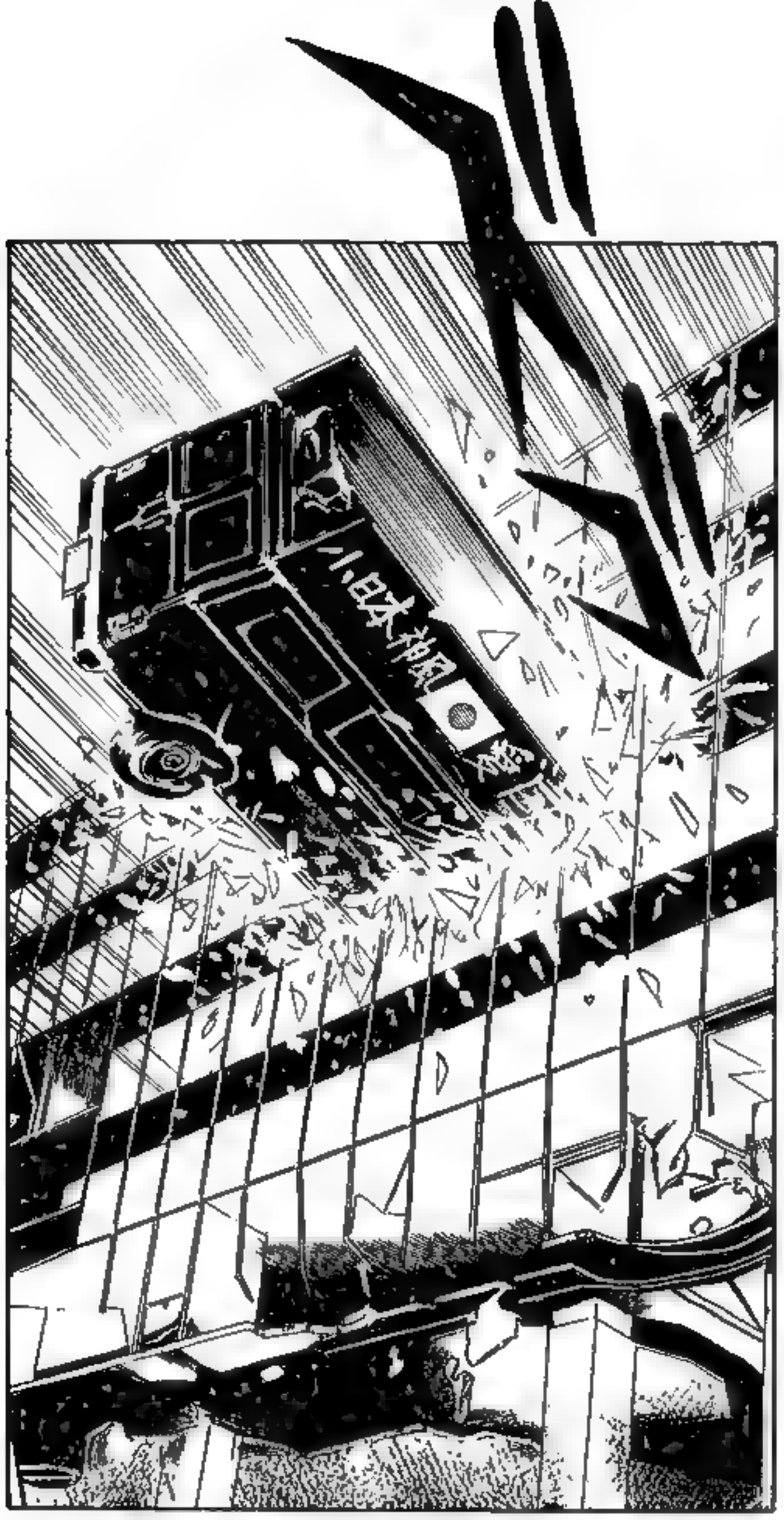
As for the lack of food, tons of relief goods were coming in.

Up your brown!

The army and navy were dissolved and turned into the Disaster Relief corps and the Scientific Investigation corps. Furthermore, the Nitsui, Nitsubishi, and Sumimoto Zaibatsu conglomerations that profited from the war were dissolved.

Public corporations and semi-governmental corporations that had been established with little thought, bureaucratic heavens, were punished.

Kiss my ass!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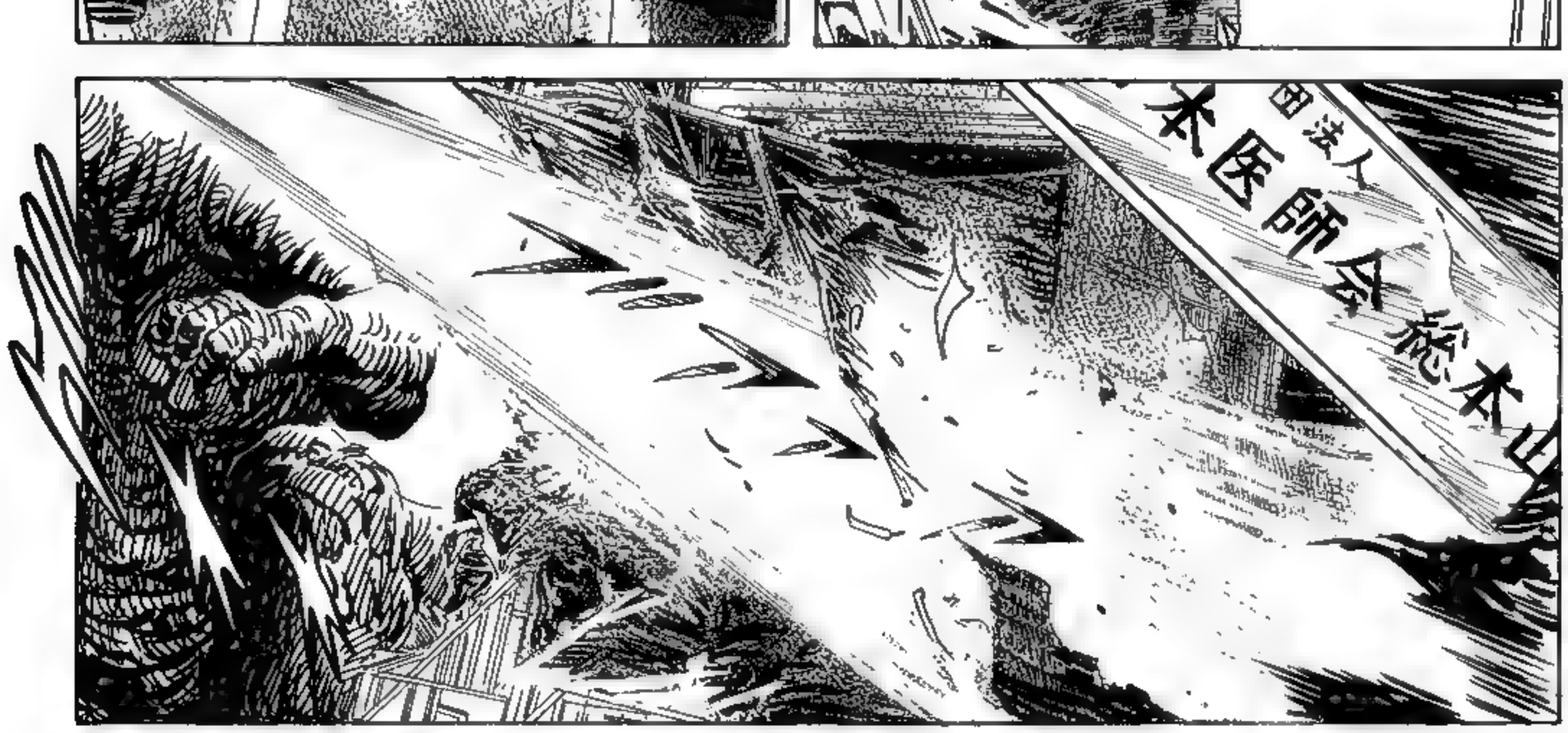
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公益社団法人

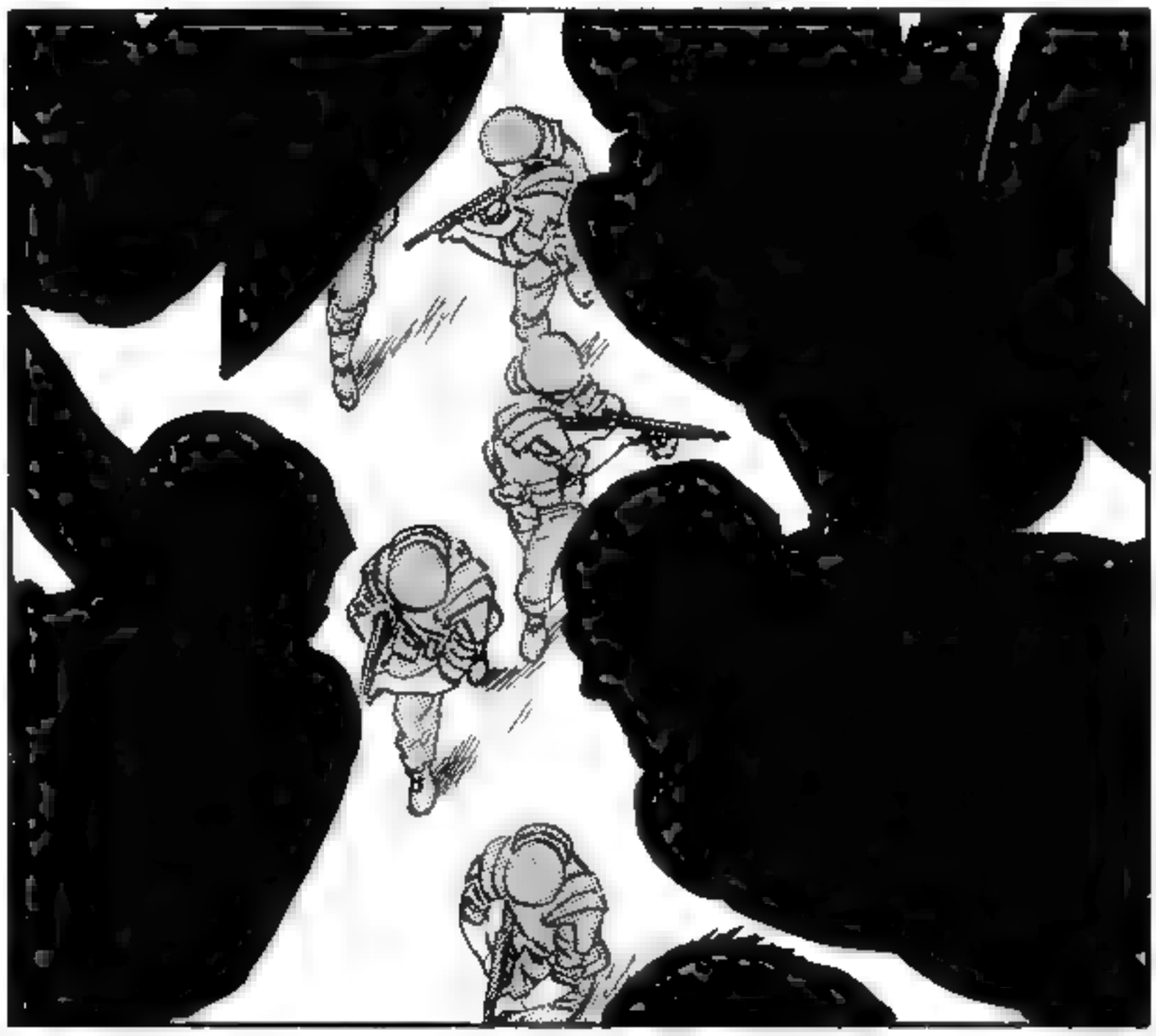
WHAAAAA

Ministry of Finance

DON'T DROP YOUR GUARD! THIS IS SUPPOSEDLY A DEN OF BUREAUCRATS. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'LL COME AT US!

COMMANDER BERSERKER ORDERED US TO INVESTIGATE AND DISPERSE.

WHAT'S THAT SMELL? I'M GONNA HURL.
I DON'T SEE ANYONE.



WAHH!

LITTLE JOHN!

SHIT!

FOUND THEM, FOUND THE IN-TRUDERS!
GET OUT OF THE WAY!
DEATH TO AMERICAN PIGS! RAPE OF NANKING!
HAIRY FOREIGN BASTARDS!
DIE FOR HONOR!

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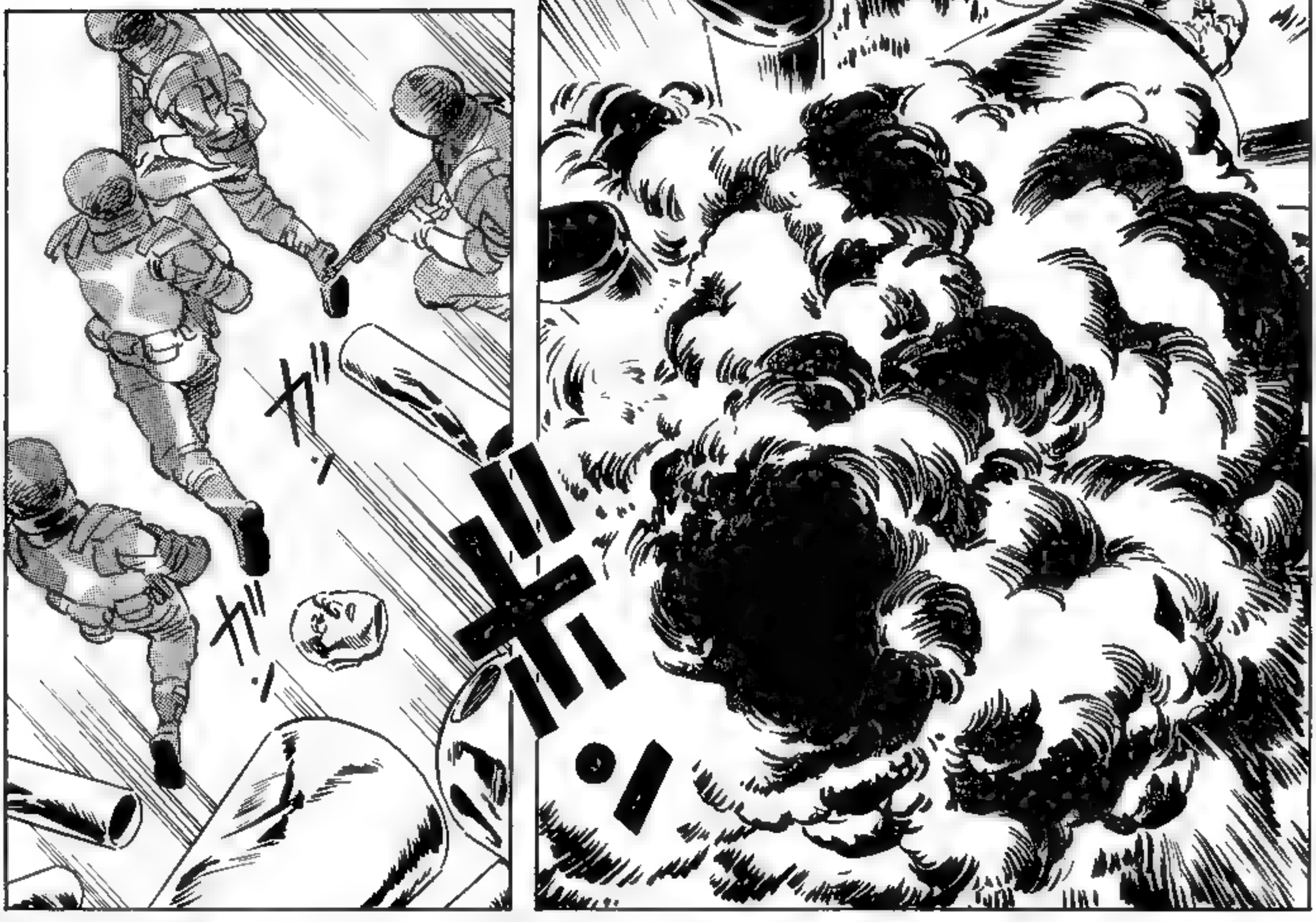
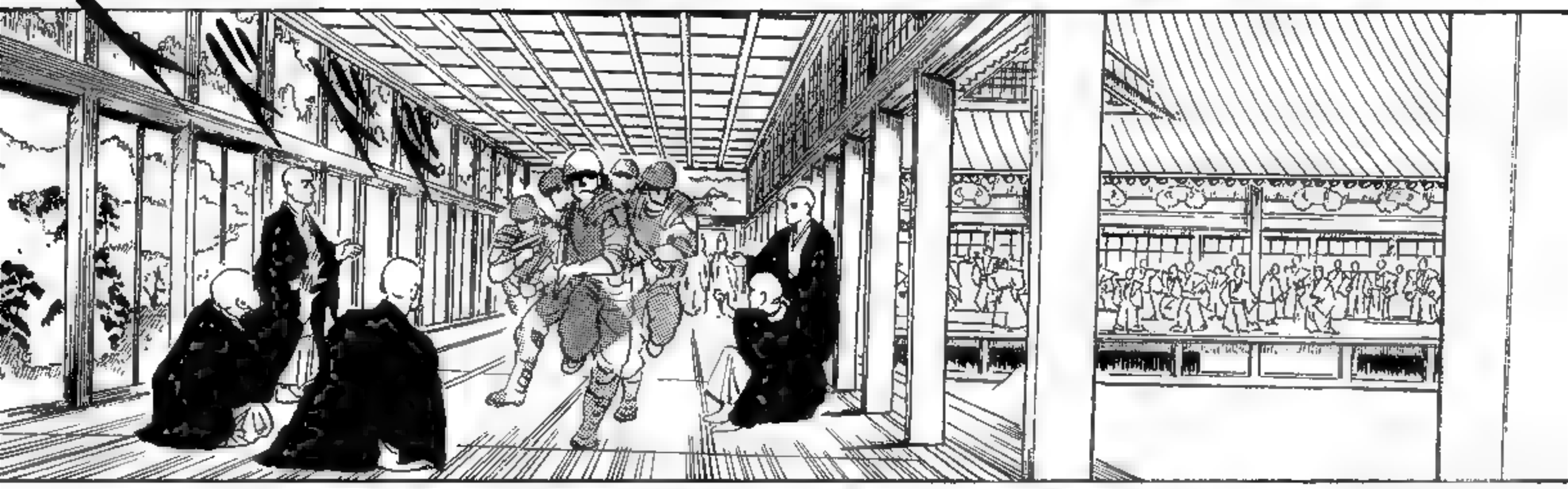




HE HEH...

WHA...

HOO-AH!

AI-YAH!

WHAT!?

HMPH!

HM-HM-HM...

Prosperity Brings Luck

HI...

LIEU-TENANT, LOOK THERE!

IT'S A SECRET PASSAGE!

LITTLE JOHN!

I'D RATHER BE DEAD, PLEASE KILL ME... ERGH.

THE HELL IS THIS... UGH, IT'S FERMENTED BEANS!

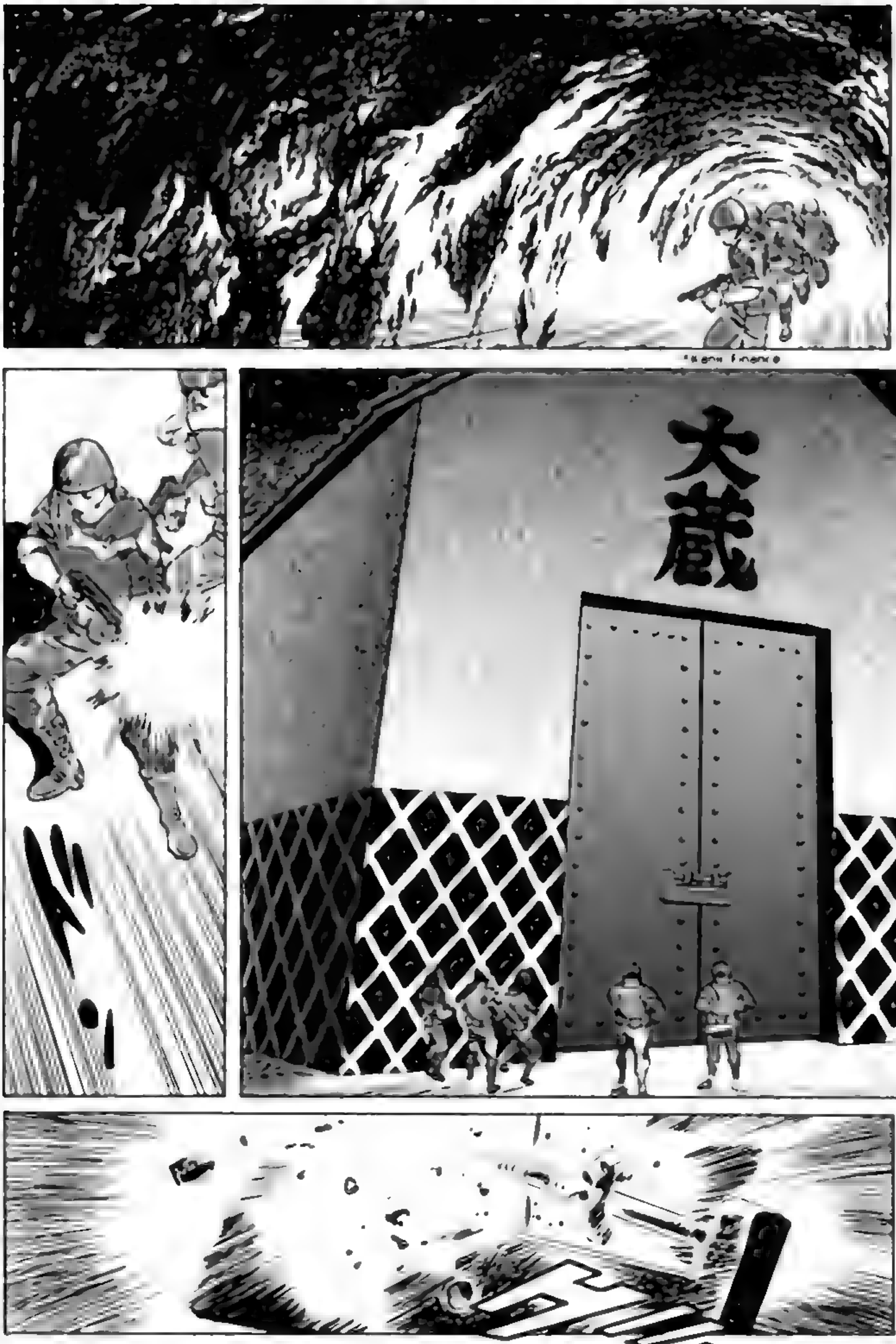
GEH!

THEY'RE ALL BUREAU-CRAT EGGS. DESTROY THEM!

GOD DAMN!

...However, they missed some. There were still countless eggs in the underground passage between the Ministry of Finance and Dongjing University...

JAPANESE BUREAUCRATS ARE MORE TENACIOUS AT PROTECTING THEIR INTERESTS THAN WE THOUGHT. THEY'RE SCARIER THAN SOLDIERS.


大蔵

Hidden in the Ministry of Finance's basement were treasures like a solid gold Kinkakuji, Hidekichi's golden tea room, and even Himiko's golden stamp.

Everything was impounded in the GHQ, but just who, from what time period, and for what reason had they amassed this much wealth will be a mystery for the ages.

The Ministry of Finance was completely destroyed, and a park was built in its lot. It was supposedly cursed during construction, so they called it the Kubidzuka Park.

Most of the other ministries were dissolved as well, but what came out of the basement of the Ministry of Health was so tragic that it wasn't ever publicized. A memorial tower was built on its lot.

When it was identified that the annual expenditure was halved by cutting down on ministries, taxes were also halved. This is what happened to the National Tax Agency.

納税は　お早目に

Take your hook!

The first hit song was "This is Tohkyoh mom" by the Pusan All Stars.

The lyrics to popular songs had English put in them, and the Japanese language portions were checked for their pronunciation.

UH... NO... WELL, YOU SEE...

DOES THE WORD "KIMI" IN THIS SONG TITLE HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS THE "KIMI" IN THE JAPANESE NATIONAL ANTHEM, "KIMIGAYO"?

Not everything was good. Japanese citizens were forced to embrace American culture.

When speaking English, even proper Japanese nouns had to be said with an English accent.

HELLO. THIS IS ITCHYROW OZAHWAH.

ATTENTION PLEASE, JAPAN AIRLINES.. TOK—— TOH-KYOH...

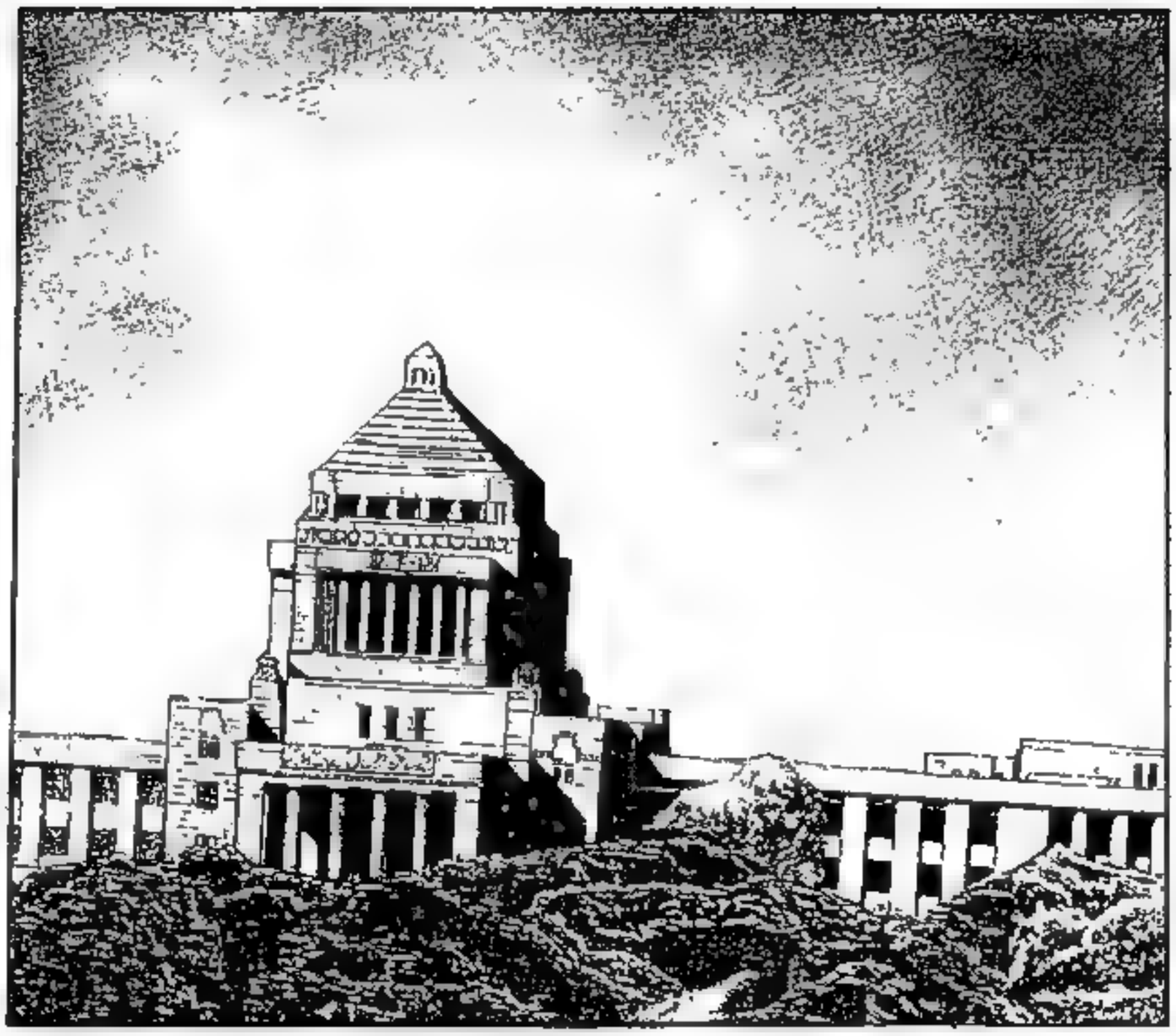
Religious freedom was imposed, so citizens adopted whatever religious rites.

Japanese people praying to Allah.

Cough

Hack

Huarrr



DOMO. NOW THAT THE FOOD CRISIS IS OVER, SANITARY CONDITIONS HAVE DETERIORATED AND LICE ARE ALL OVER OUR HEADS AND CLOTHES. DOMO.

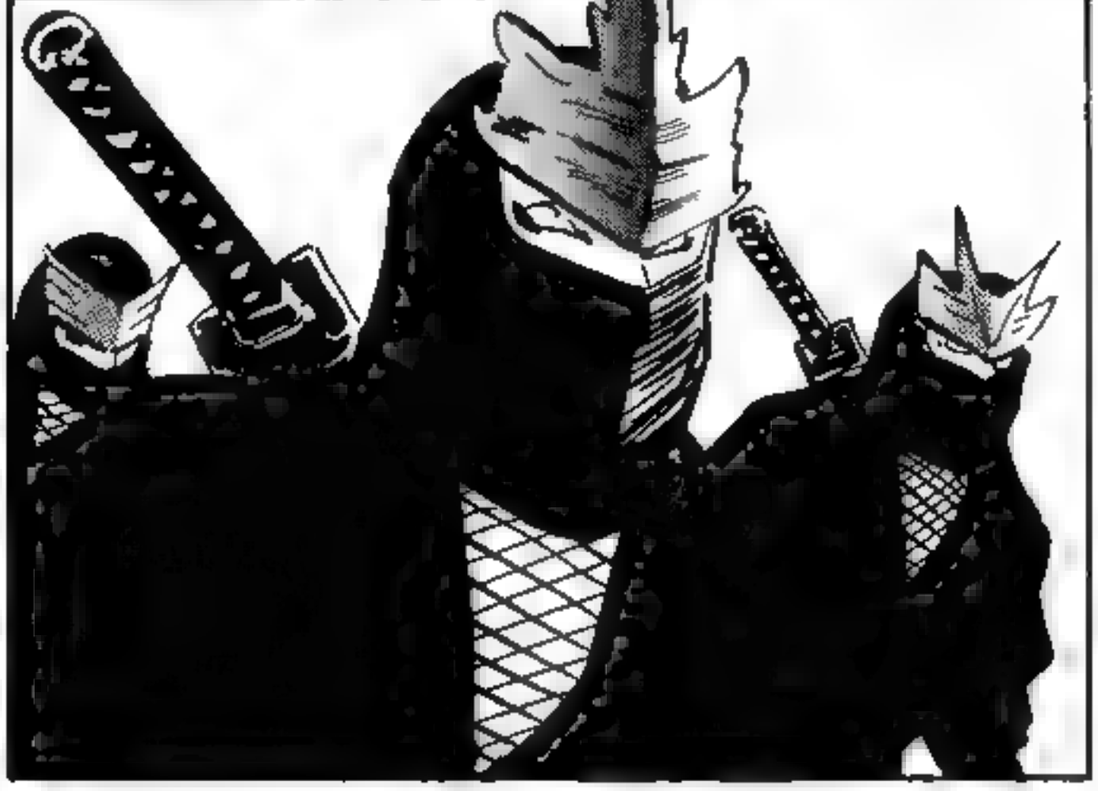
I... I CAN NOT TAKE THIS. THIS TIME THEY USED DDT.

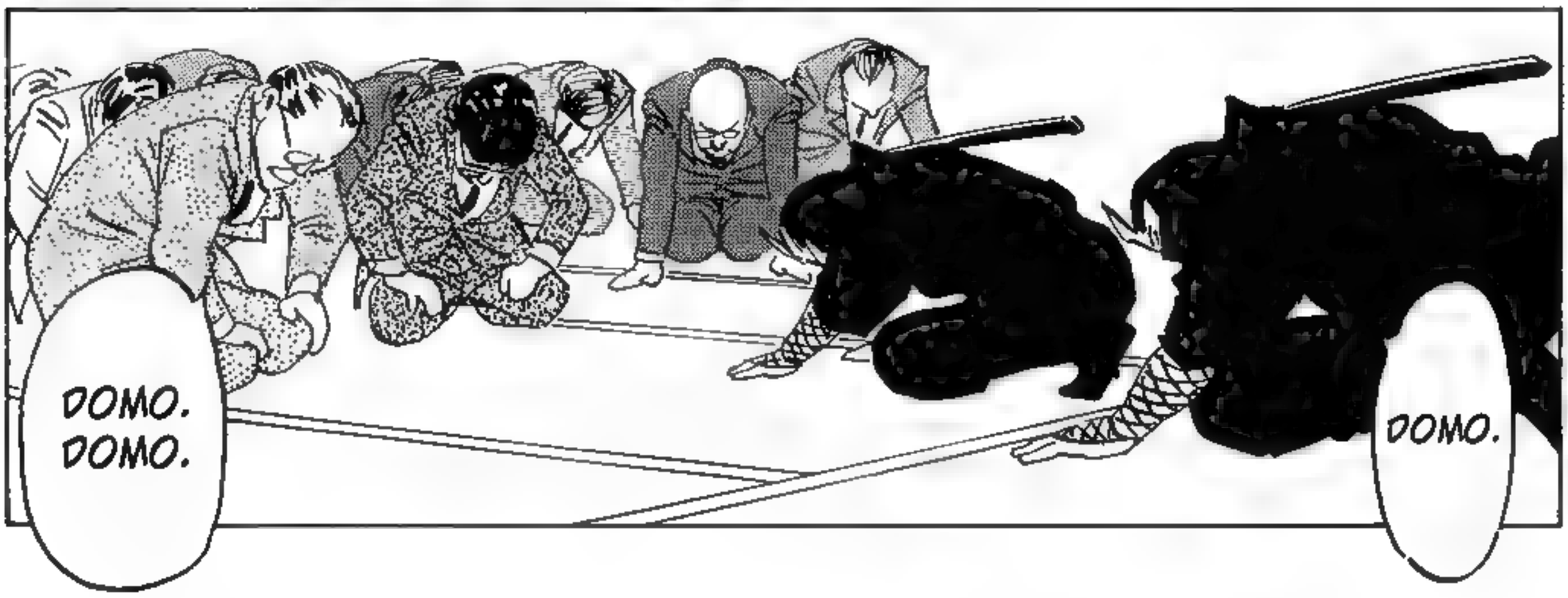
IS THAT WHY THEY'RE SPRAYING THE DDT INSECTI-CIDE?

シュー！

JUST LIKE CATTLE! THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS. JAPANESE PRIDE AND CULTURE ARE BEING DESTROYED! DOMO!
WE'LL DO SOME-THING!

NINJA, NANJA, MONJA. GET RID OF BERSERKER!

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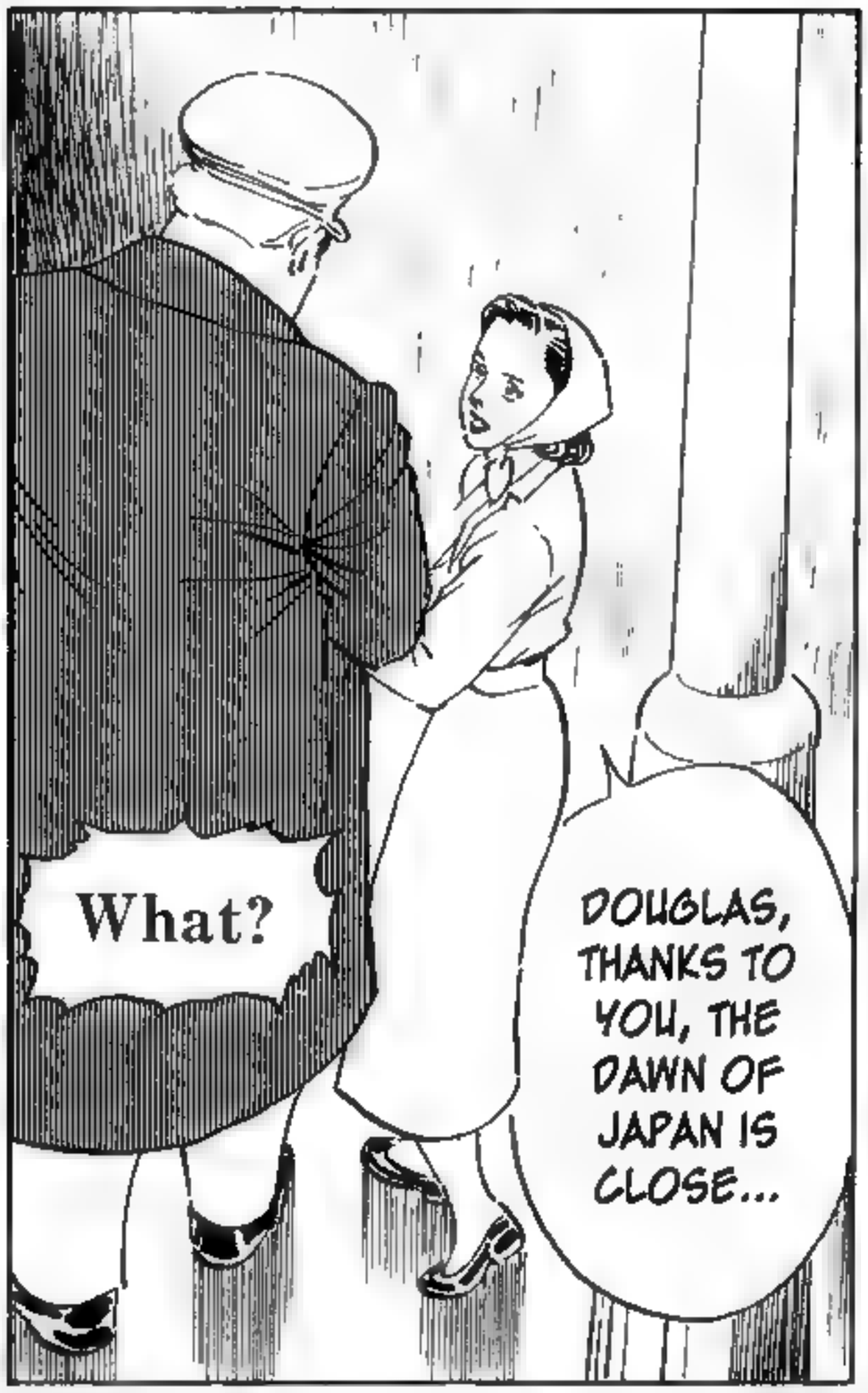
DOMO.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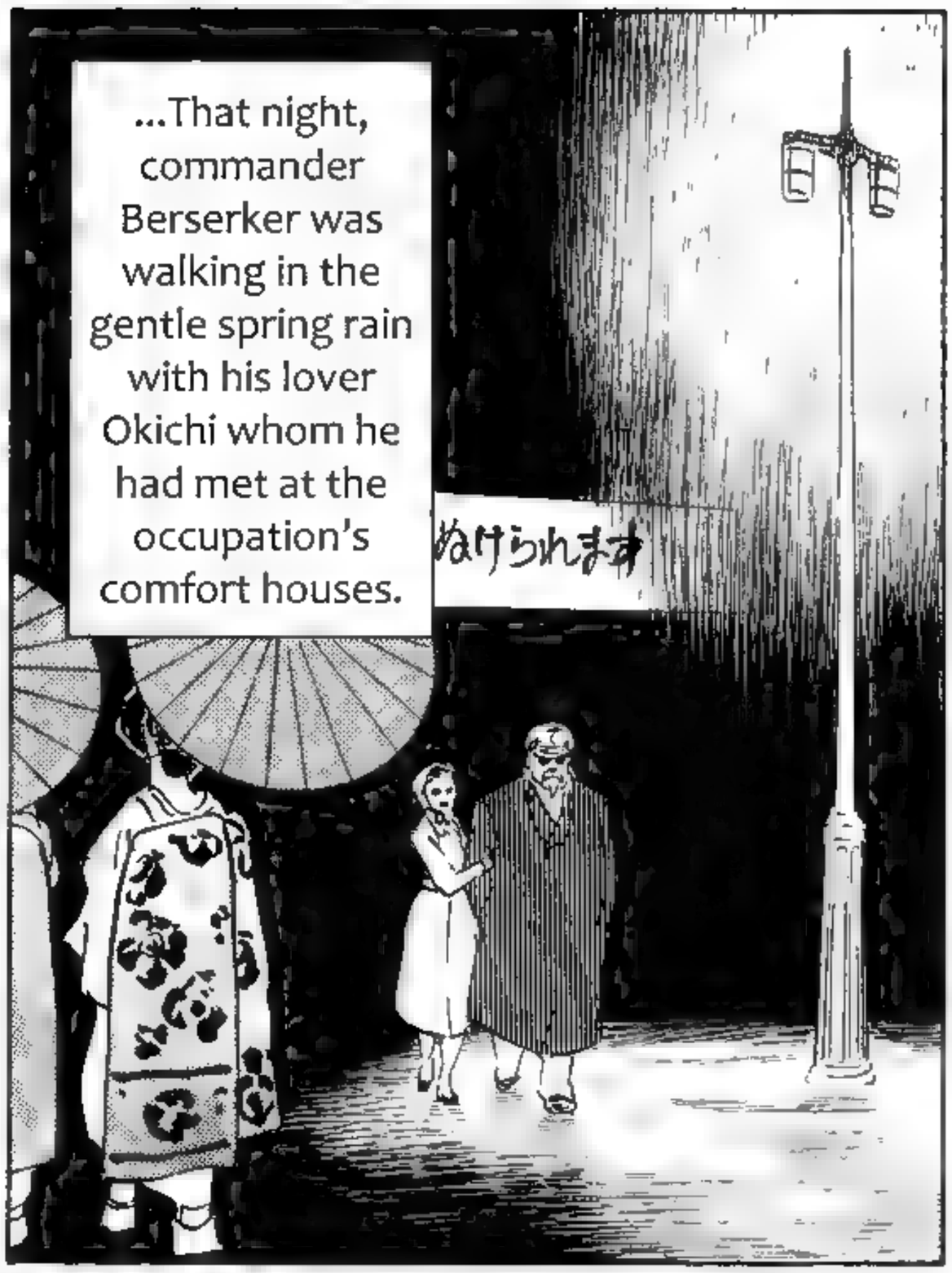
DOUGLAS, THANKS TO YOU, THE DAWN OF JAPAN IS CLOSE...


...That night, commander Berserker was walking in the gentle spring rain with his lover Okichi whom he had met at the occupation's comfort houses.
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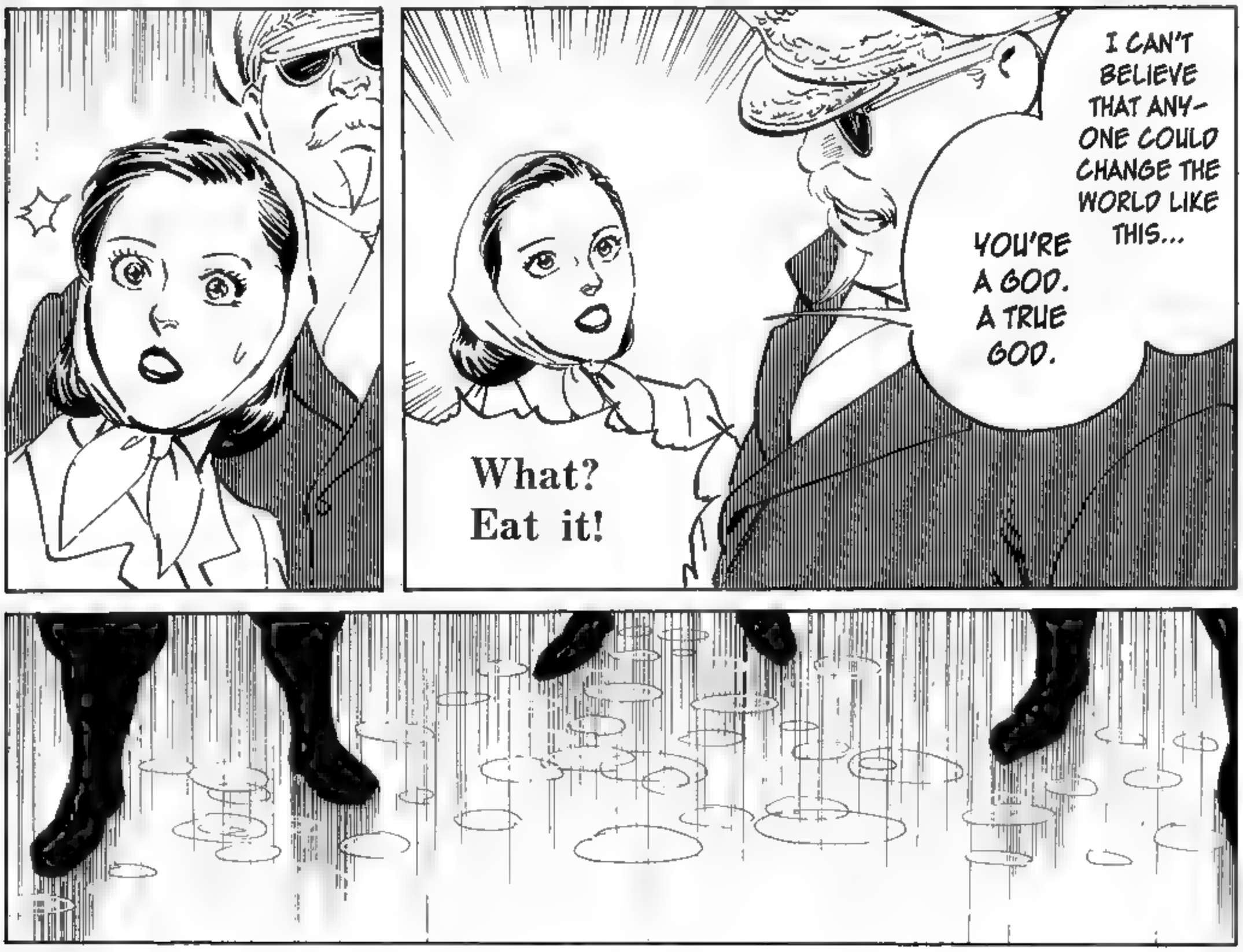

What?
Eat it!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT ANY-ONE COULD CHANGE THE WORLD LIKE THIS...
YOU'RE A GOD. A TRUE GOD.

OOMO.

Sonuvabitch!

KYAH!

Shit!

HAI!
HAI!
HAI!

DOUG-
LAS!

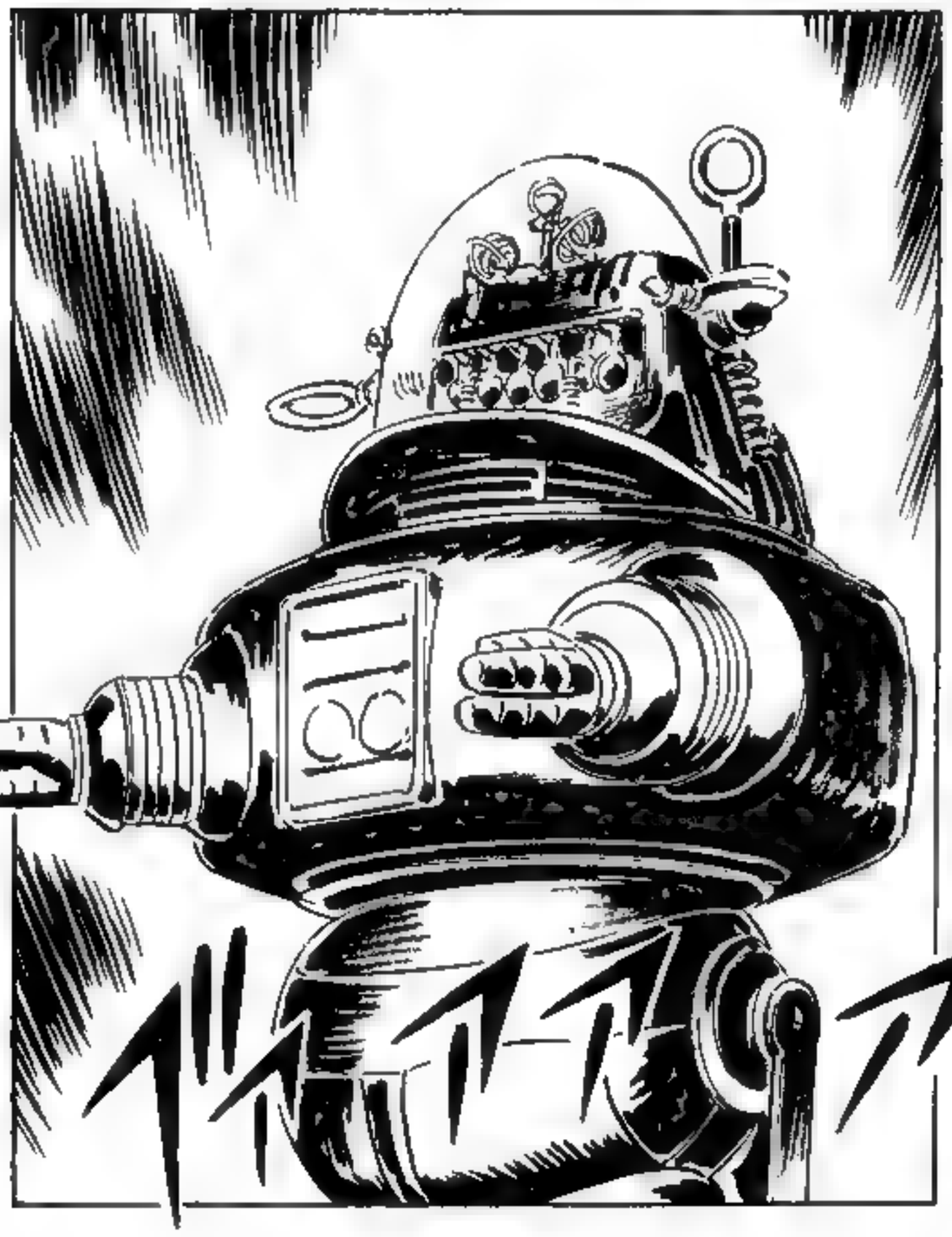
!

Go to hell,quickly!

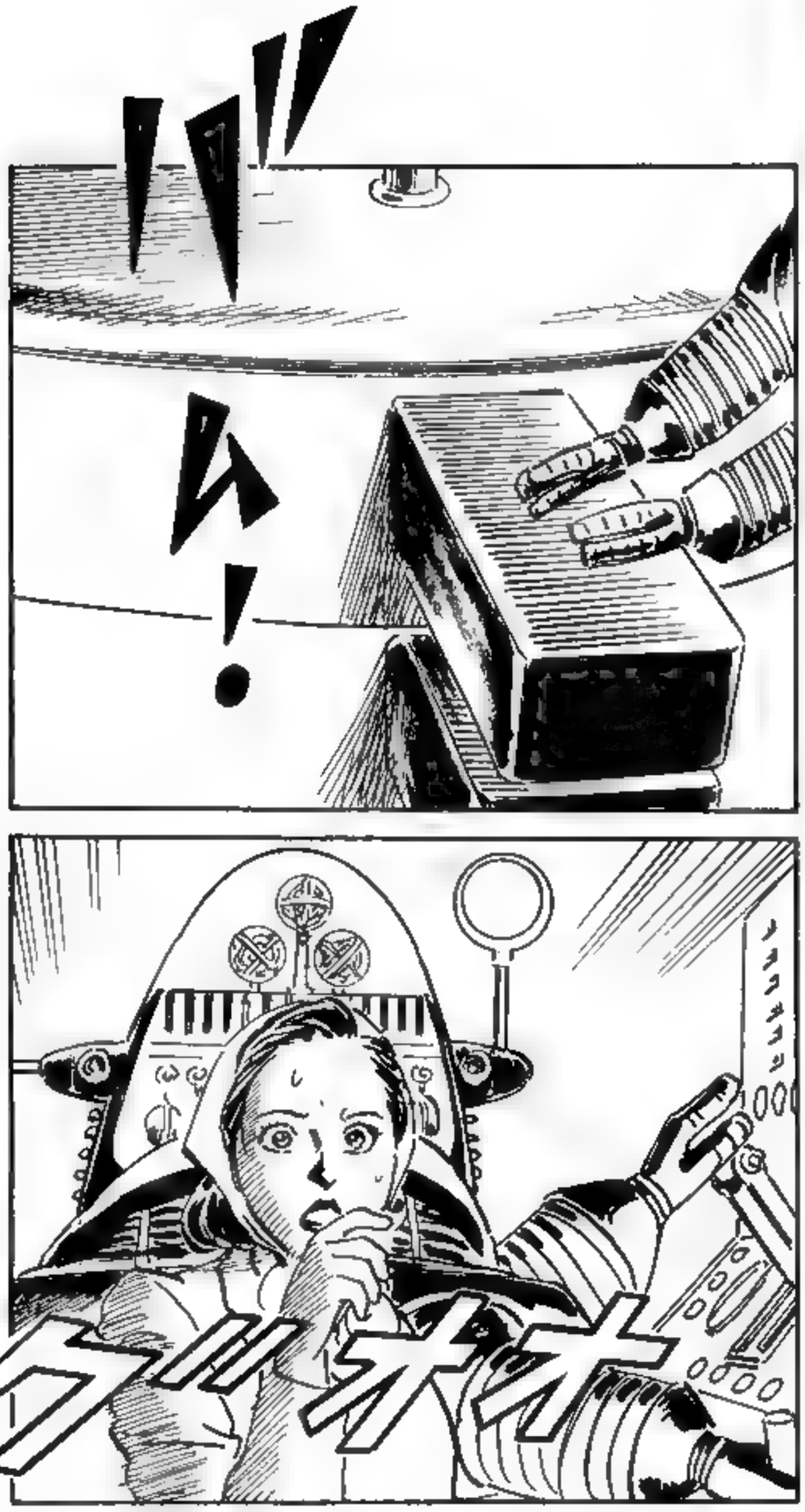
HUH!?

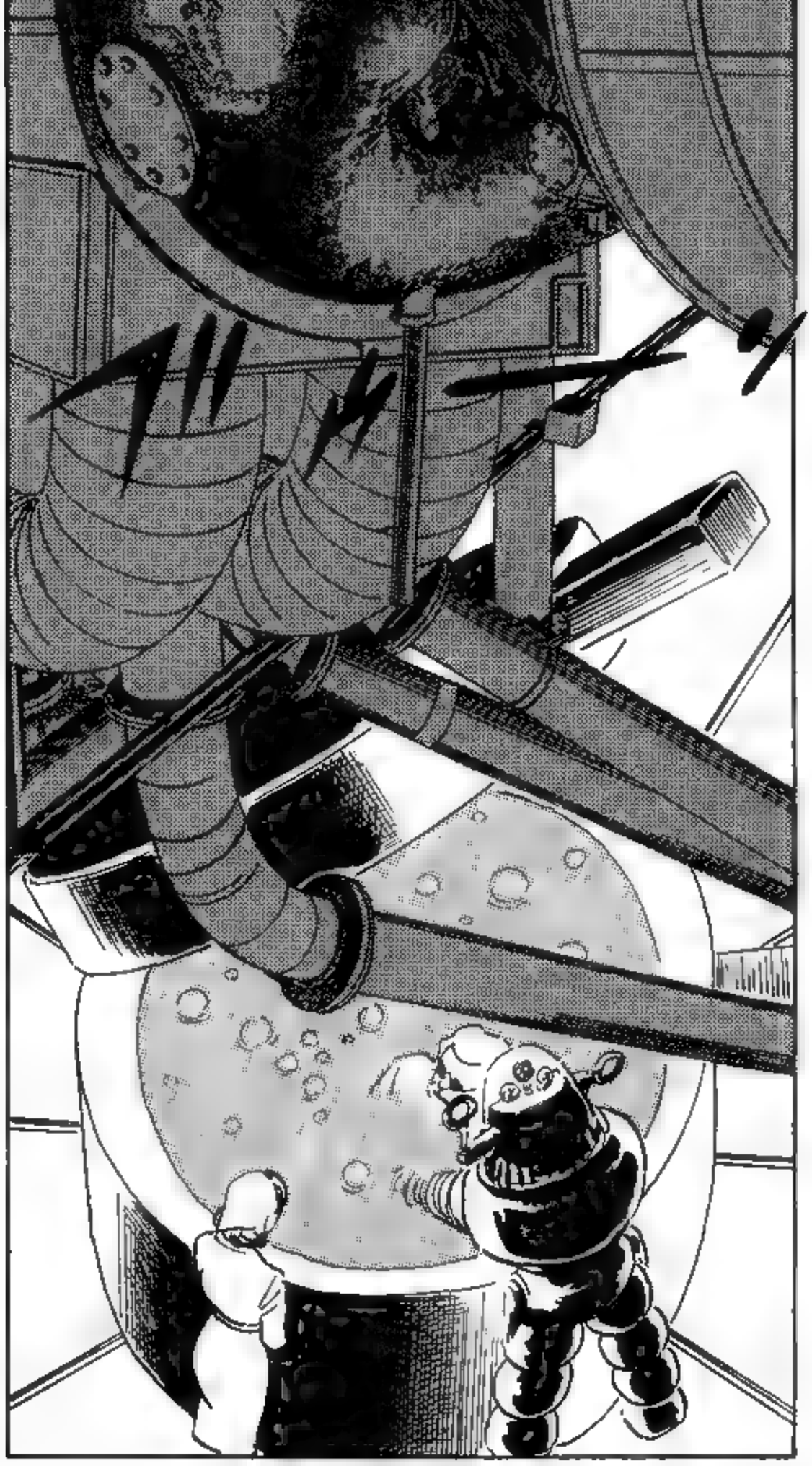
Go to hell,quickly

Go to Hell, Quickly!!



GYAHHHH!





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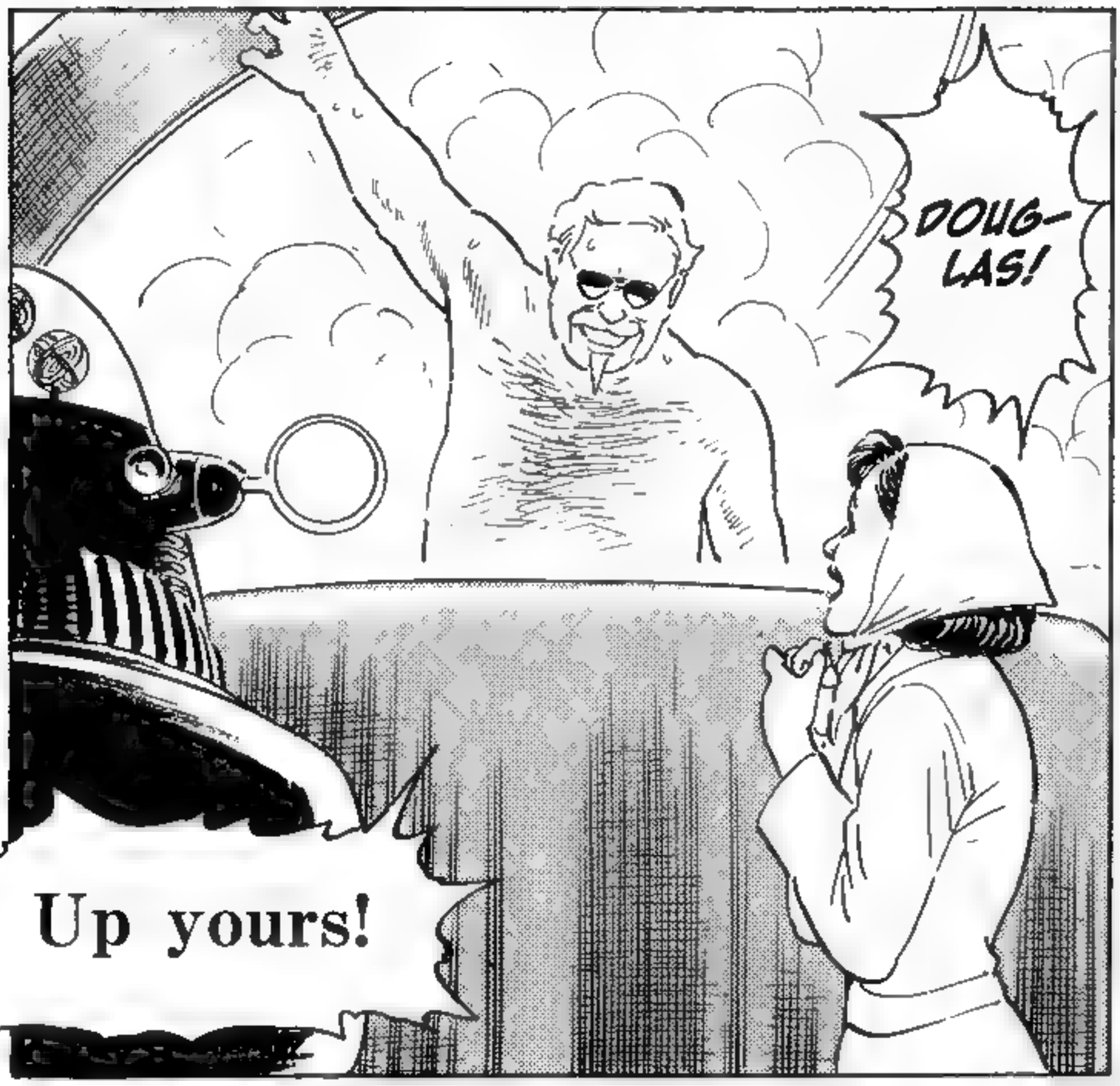
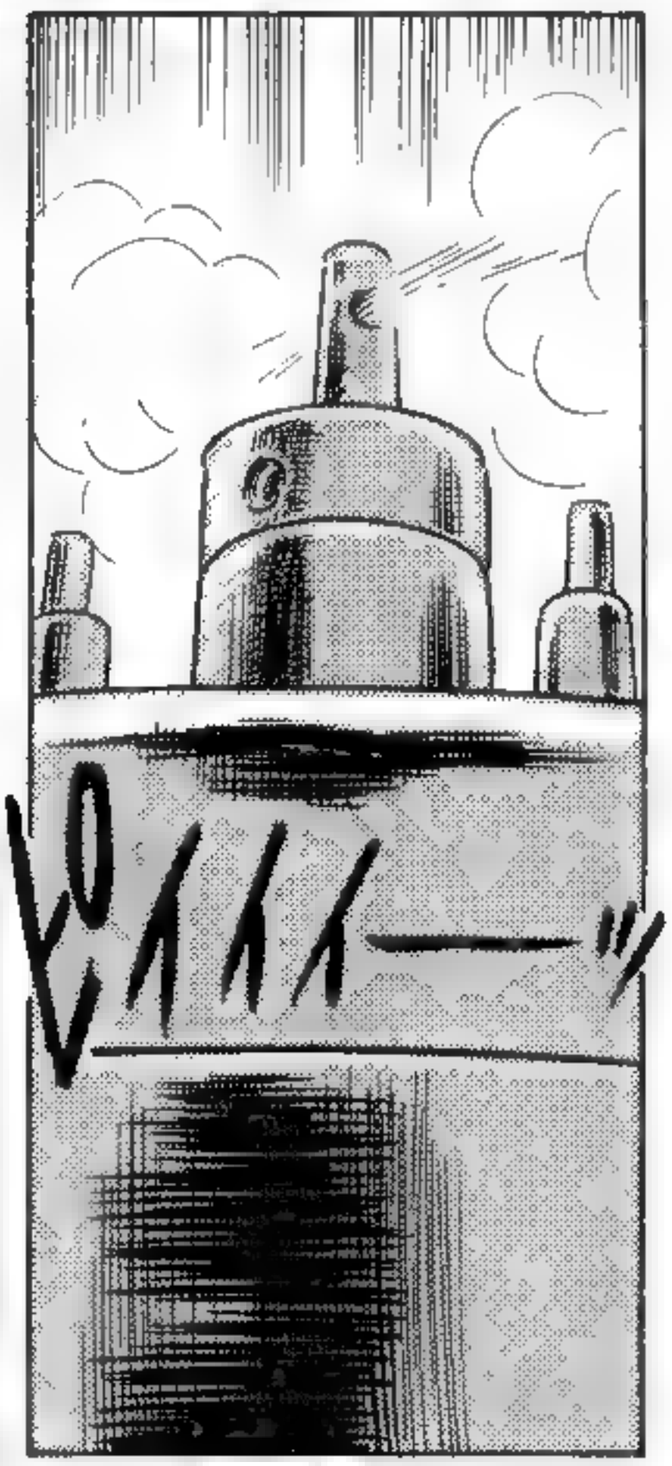

DOUG-
LAS!
Up yours!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The next day, DDT was released on an unheard of scale...

HUE URGH!

GAH- HRKK!

DDT

All of Japan's bureaucrats and politicians were killed along with the lice. The chemical that killed the parasites was also a deadly poison to them.

HURR RRR... RRR RGH!

Farewell Commander
Good work.

Go to Hell, Quickly!!

EP

In the 20th year of Howa, the GHQ was disbanded and the day for Douglas Berserker to return to his country had come. The Japanese people felt deeply sorry that the commander had to leave.

Many Japanese people crowded at the airfield died that day, but this turned into a storm of jubilation.

Japan signed the Uruguay treaty and began its walk on the road to prosperity as a bright, independent nation.

Kentucky Fried Chi

National Shame Manga 2 (End)

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NOTES

Page 057
Heinrich Schliemann was a German businessman and amateur archeologist.

Page 091
Ritterkreuz, also known as the Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross, was the highest award of Germany to recognize extreme battlefield bravery or successful military leadership during World War II.

Page 140
Oppida is the word given to the archeological remains of fortified settlements throughout Europe by archeologists, from a word used by Julius Caesar.

Page 170-171
"Howa" is used instead of Showa and intended to be a sort of pun. It's meant to denote an alternate reality.

Page 213
Rape of Nanking was a mass murder and war rape that occurred during the six-week period following the Japanese capture of the city of Nanking (Nanjing), the former capital of the Republic of China, on December 13, 1937 during the Second Sino-Japanese War.

Page 221
Kinkakuji is a golden temple in Kyoto named after its golden finish. Hidekichi's Golden Tea Room refers to a tea room that Toyotomi Hideyoshi had made. Himiko's golden stamp refers to a golden seal that Queen Himiko (a figure in Chinese, Japanese and Korean histories) once had.

Page 222
***A* kubidzuka is the hill where Japanese would bury the heads of their enemies after a battle, prisoners of war, or criminals who had been sentenced to beheading.**

The Temple of El Alamein (End)

Afterward by Hoshino Yukinobu

The 1950s and 1960s were a generation of being raised by weekly comic designs and excitement over plastic model planes and boats. Since it was a period flooded with information from the war, I was more knowledgeable about things than your average military kid who was controlled by the Imperial General Headquarter's announcements like their fathers. In elementary school, I was a perfect warfare weaponry nerd. I'd handmade tons of pamphlets about "Germany's Luftwaffe Fighters", or the "American Navy's Submarines," stuck up pictures I'd cut out of magazines, wrote about specifications, and was in general pretty pleased with myself. My father gave me a first-hand account of how he narrowly escaped from an American fighter plane's machine-gun fire, but at the time the fear didn't come through to me.

However, among the many military history books and other literature that I read, there was one called "Senkan Musashi" (Battleship Musashi) by Yoshimura Akira that changed my fond image of military weaponry into that of a beast, dark and ghastly. It made me realize that weapons were not made of plastic, but metal, and if they were to explode the shrapnel would easily cut through a human body. We give our own country's weapons nicknames with a courageous image like one of the mountains or rivers from our hometown and act like they are a reliable ally, but weapons are weapons, and they will betray flesh and blood humans in the end. (The Normandy invasion scene in the war movie ***Saving Private Ryan*** is what let me experience that visually and aurally. The sound of steel bullets bouncing off of steel shelters. Protective shields and helmets won't stop a bullet. They'll just reflect it at other soldiers. How in the world can a flesh and blood human being survive in such a terrible atmosphere?) Ever since then, I lost interest in mecha as a weapon-type, and I wasn't phased by giant robots or mobile suits as weapons, or even the various space battleships at their peak. I'm still not very fond of them to this day.

This collection of shorts is stories about war, but it seems like I couldn't revive the enthusiasm of my youth. If I try to draw something like this again, I'll tell stories like about what my dad experienced. I'd like to get closer to war as an atmosphere that a human being can't survive.

Speaking of the enthusiasm of my youth, I also loved dinosaurs. I can love them without being disillusioned. There are still stories being told in Africa of dinosaur sightings, so during ancient Egypt, just maybe... This idea ended up being drawn out in Temple of El Alamein.

Incidentally, I've heard stories of people faking human footprints next to petrified dinosaur footprints. They're doing it to show that mankind lived in the same time period as dinosaurs. It isn't a simple prank. According to the Book of Genesis in the Bible, man and animal were created in under a week. That means there are people who can't approve of an animal that existed some hundreds of millions of years before man. They're trying to reconcile reality with the descriptions in the Bible through human footprints.

Once when I drew about the atrocities committed by the Japanese army in a comic, I received a letter from a reader who seemed much younger than me asking if I was poisoned by a "masochistic view of history" like everyone else. He even included a copy of a certain manga which I won't name and told me to read it and learn from it. I don't really like the Japanese word "史観 shikan" which means a view of history. At the very least, I don't think it's a word that your average politician or manga artist should use lightly. "Shikan" is vaguely close to "主観 shukan," which means subjectivity.

History is science. Just like scientists research by combining experiments and theories with objective methods, history should be spoken of as objectively as possible in terms of logic and reality. I think of what I draw as science fiction with regards to history. It's fiction, so I don't feel like persistently pushing some idea on people. Drawing a story about mummified dinosaurs enshrined in an Egyptian temple, and faking human footsteps next to dinosaur ones, should be different.

I drew about how it was fine to hurt your country rather than yourself in National Shame Manga, but the sequel G.H.Q. was not allowed to be serialized in the magazine. It's rather unfortunate. I don't know if I managed to make it so unfortunate it was cute, but it's something that I'd like to keep alive and put out to the world. Think of it as laughing at your dear old dad. Moving along, I'd love to write a third installment, but my publishers have said I can draw anything I want, but warned me no more of that series. It seems the series was just born under a really unlucky sign. Dear old dad aside, I can kind of feel that ever since I drew National Shame Manga, it's gotten slightly more oppressive living here in Japan. A people and country that doesn't understand the freedom of thought...
I wonder where I could go that they'd let me draw National Shame Manga 3. We could title it "A Boat of Fools," how's that sound?

凍てつく惑星で21世紀を幻視する男たち!!

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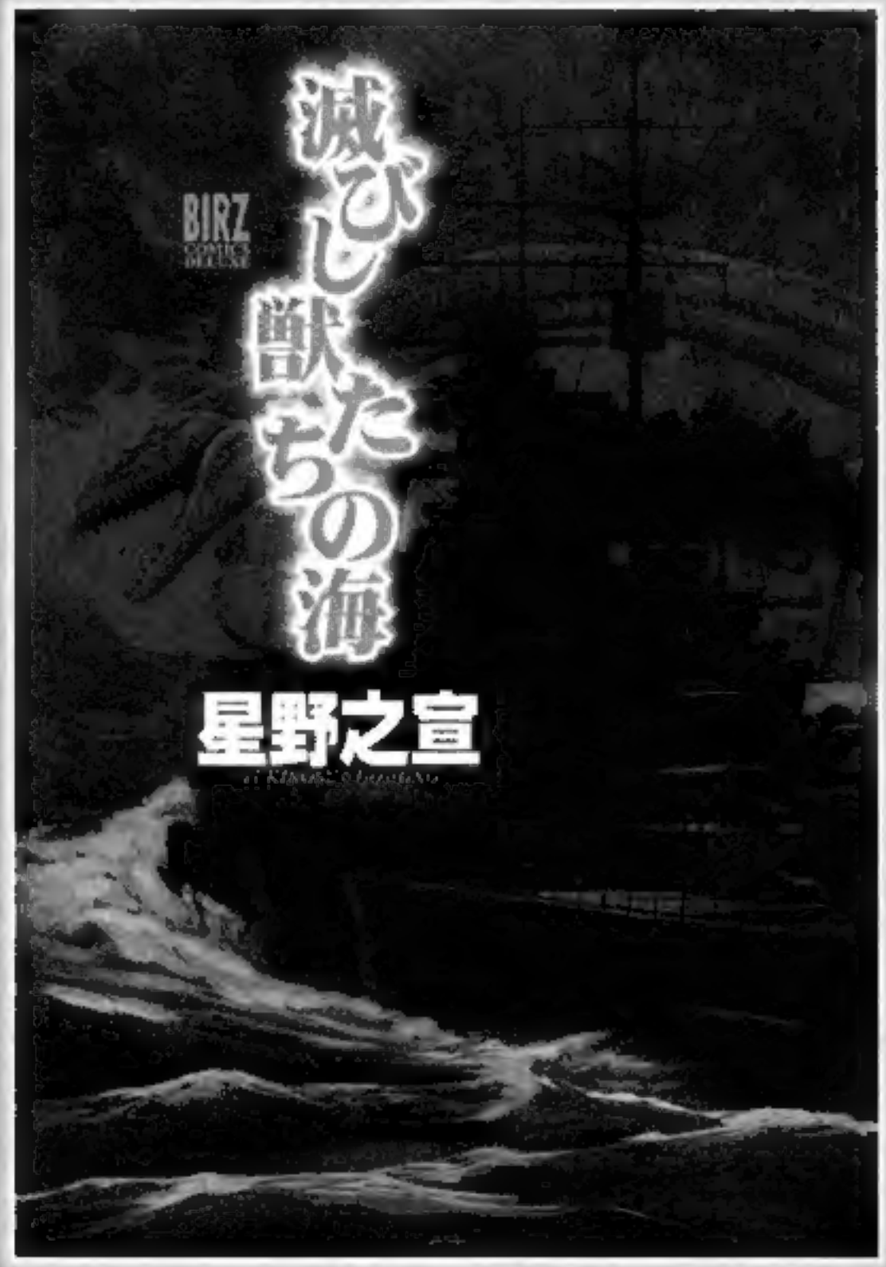

隆盛をきわめた獣たちの闘争と滅亡——
巨大戦艦ビスマルクの数奇なる運命とは!?

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